

5. Export Policy

- a) Export Assistance or control measures: Copra export has been banned since September 1982. The government has been directing the coconut industry to produce semi-finished or finished coconut products. Government has been assisting the coconut industry through product research and diversification.
- b) Export procedure and structure: Coconut products are exported by private firms. However, prior to accepting export orders, private exporters have to coordinate with United Coconut Oil Mills Inc. (UNICOM). UNICOM, a private firm, was assigned by the President to centralize export marketing activities.
6. Additional Factors: Due to improved world price, coconut export receipts from January to May 1984 increased by 68% compared to same period last year, even though production in 1984 was 22.5% lower than in 1983. Affected by severe drought in 1982-83, the 1984 coconut production is still expected to decline by 29%. Coconut experts believe that it will take about 1½-2 years for coconut trees to return to normal production.

7. Exports of oilseeds and products by type, thousands of tonnes:

Base year: 1983

<u>Oilseed Type</u>	<u>Production</u>	<u>Exports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Copra	2,096	12*	Europe
<u>Oils</u> Coconut	1,273	1,020	USA, Europe, Japan and PRC
<u>Meals</u> Coconut	679	616	Europe

\* Export commitments prior to export ban in September 1982