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This Free Trade Agreement marks a significant milestone in the relationship between China and New Zealand. New Zealand is the first OECD country to sign a comprehensive FTA with China. It is the culmination of over 35 years of diplomatic relations between the countries.

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The Free Trade Agreement between New Zealand and China (NZ-China FTA) entered into force on 1 october 2008. The NZ-China FTA was signed on the 7th of April 2008 in Beijing, bringing to the end a negotiation process that spanned fifteen rounds over three years.

The NZ-China FTA is a treaty between New Zealand and China that liberalises and facilitates trade in goods and services, improves the business environment and promotes cooperation between the two countries in a broad range of economic areas.

This means that New Zealand and China have entered into an agreement that allows for mutually beneficial concessions in the area of trade of goods, services and investment.

This section of the website provides further information on the FTA. It includes a summary of the key outcomes, provides the full text of the NZ-China FTA, as well as additional publications and resources associated with the Agreement.

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