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1. New Zealand Signs up to Better Protection for the Ozone Layer

...New Zealand has taken another step to protect the ozone layer by signing up to the latest amendment to the Montreal Protocol, Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Phil Goff and Environment Minister Marian Hobbs announced today... "New Zealand is committed to this protocol. While this latest amendment has little effect for New Zealand, our signing shows our commitment to restoring the ozone layer to the rest of the world," they said. "Because the changes may affect some Pacific Island countries, New Zealand is assisting Pacific Island countries work towards ratification of the protocol through its overseas aid programme." New Zealand is among the first to ratify the amendment, the provisions of which come into effect between 2002 and 2004.

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2. Iran Manufactures Ozone Friendly Products

Tehran, an official in charge of the 2nd international exhibition on environment said Tuesday that 13 operational refrigerator plants within the country are currently manufacturing ozone friendly products. ...Tehran office for the protection of ozone layer is currently implementing some 65 projects for the improvement of various industries whose products are in some way in connection with the ozone layer... **Source**: IRNA News Agency, 26 June 2001 **@:** <u>http://www.irna.com/newshtm/eng/05151330.htm</u>

3. New Electronic Pasteurization Network Valued at \$50 Million

... Headquartered in San Diego, California, SureBeam is a leading provider of electronic pasteurization systems and services for the food industry. SureBeam's technology significantly improves food safety, prolongs shelf life, and provides disinfestation that helps to protect the environment. The SureBeam® patented electronic pasteurization system is based on proven electron beam and x-ray technology that instantly destroys harmful food-borne bacteria. This technology can also eliminate the need for toxic chemical fumigants used in pest control that may be harmful to the earth's ozone layer... **Source**: SureBeam Corp. Press Release 25 June 2001,

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