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CONDITIONS FOR THE REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK EXPORT DESTINATIONS FOR SLAUGHTER AND ASSOCIATED EXPORT PROCEDURES TO SOUTH AFRICA

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Namibian livestock will be destined to selected destinations in South Africa only. **It is done to protect the interest of the entire Namibian meat industry with respect to securing the South African market for Namibian livestock while ensuring that the livestock are not offered on the breeding stock market.**

Commercial Namibian livestock are per RSA Veterinary Import Permit requirement, only to be destined to feedlots, abattoirs and holding stations and not to farms and/or public livestock auctions. This requirement has in the past allegedly been transgressed by South African importers to whom a RSA Veterinary Import Permit has been issued.

Following an extraction of the most important export destinations of Namibian livestock (in terms of livestock numbers received from Namibia), as well as due scrutiny by major stakeholders, exporters and importers both in Namibia and South Africa, a list of RSA destinations (abattoirs, 'holding pens' and feedlots) of Namibian livestock has been compiled (List is available at the Meat Board).

The list of destinations (feedlot, 'holding pen' or abattoir) is compiled and quarterly reviewed based on the following criteria:

- a. It is a recognised major export market for Namibian livestock for slaughter;
- b. It is an "authentic" feedlot, 'holding pen' or abattoir;
- c. Confirmation of an **auditable traceability system* from dispatch up to slaughter in place or any other criterium that complies with the requirements** of the Meat Board of Namibia;
- d. Is not a distribution or thoroughfare facility;
- e. It is not a livestock agency;
- f. The destination has received at least: 70 weaners or 800 sheep or goats per week (Calculated on an average quarterly basis);
- g. Notification within seven days to the MBN (Mr Tujendapi/Mr W Horn) that consignments were off-loaded;
- h. Subject itself to auditing *at own expense* and provide full co-operation to auditors at all times;
- i. The Namibian official ear tag has to remain in place for the duration of the animals' lifetime;
- j. The destination must keep all documentation on site for auditing purposes for a period of 12 months

*Records of:

- Consignment date
- Namibian Export Permit no

- Number of animals dispatched
- Tag no's
- Number received
- Tag no's received
- Dates of deaths and diagnosis
- Dates of slaughter
- Abattoir destination
- Reconciliation to consignment

Should a 'new' feedlot, 'holding pen' or abattoir become a viable market option for Namibian livestock, and can comply with above specifications, it may be added on a quarterly basis based on a detailed submission/request with a facility and system audit at own cost.

The MBN will conduct *ad hoc* audits on the approved feedlots, 'holding pens' and abattoirs in South Africa.

The following remedy will apply in the event of non-compliance:

Should livestock fail to reach the intended destination or are engaged in any other transgression other than indicated on the MBN Export Permit, such exporter will:

- i. Be informed accordingly and be subjected to an investigation;
- ii. Have all permits issued to such exporter cancelled and he / she suspended from trading any further in Namibian export livestock;
- iii. Be afforded *audi alterem partem* to the Meat Board;
- iv. Depending on the nature of the transgression,
 1. Be given a written warning
 2. Be given a specific period suspension (minimum 6 months) in participating in the scheme;
- v. Remove the export destination from the approved list (whether or not it has two or more suppliers from Namibia (The RSA veterinary import permit is issued in the name of the importer); and/or
- vi. Be handed over to the Police for prosecution (misrepresentation and/or fraud).

All Namibian commercial livestock exported to South Africa will be subjected to the following condition added to the Meat Board Permit to Export Livestock:

"It is an express condition of this permit for the export of livestock consigned to South Africa that such livestock may only be transported to and off-loaded at and kept until termination at the physical destination indicated on this permit: Any contravention of this condition will result in the automatic suspension of this permit and the suspension of the destination from receiving any further exports from Namibia or appropriate action taken against the exporter, transporter and importer".

In the event that livestock exports can be safeguarded, through other means, i.e. an acceptable South African animal health import regime, this intervention may be abolished.

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