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To: All Deputy Chief Veterinary Officers
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All Control Animal Health Technicians
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RE: PROCUREMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICIAL SMALL STOCK EXPORT EARTAGS.

Introduction

DVS as a Competent Authority after engaging various stakeholders has approved double ear tagging to be used for individual identification in all small stock destined for export to RSA.

This is in line with the new import requirements for export of cattle, sheep and goats from Namibia to South Africa that clearly states that small stock must be individually identified with ear tags which are tamper evident / proof and bear a pre-printed unique number for traceability purposes.

The set of plastic ear tags to be used consists of a two-piece (male and female) conventional plastic visual ear tag and an electronic (RFID) ear tag that bear the same identification number.

The identification number has 8 characters. The first character is letter C denoting the FMD free zone followed by seven digits.
Both tags are yellow in color and bear an official Namibian logo.

The visual ear tag shall be applied on the right ear and electronic ear tag on the left ear as in cattle.

The tagged small stock must be registered on the NamLITS database within 14 days of tagging the animals.

Registration on the NamLITS database must be done before any tagged small stock is moved from establishment for export to RSA.

MAWF through a Memorandum of Agreement has delegated Meat Board of Namibia the mandate to procure and distribute the official small stock ear tags on a cost recovery basis.

1. Ordering and purchasing of small stock ear tags.

- Eartags can be purchased directly over the counter from the Meat Board of Namibia's Ear Tag Office (ETO) in Windhoek OR can be ordered through Meat Board approved agents like Agra and others.
- The ear tags shall be accompanied by Animal Registration Cards and summary list as in cattle.
- **Please note that as initial phase, eartags can only be ordered/bought in batches of 20. This will be temporary while the system is under adjustments until further notice.**
- EarTags can also be purchased via bank deposit. i.e. you can pay the money into FNB Corporate Account: 62242414647; **Reference:** the stock brand/FAN Meat number for which the ear tags are purchased, fax the deposit slip to 061- 238839 or email the proof of payment to elizabeth@nammic.com.na OR Eartags@nammic.com.na and indicate the type and number of eartags you want to purchase; add your contact details to where the eartags are to be sent; call 061275863/5/6 to confirm if your proof of payment has been received.
- **Orders will only be processed once payment has been received and confirmed.** The farmer/producer must pay postage up on receipt of eartags.
- Please contact the Meat Board EarTag Office or approved agents for the price of the eartags.
- Please note that ear tags are packed as per order number and can be collected OR will be sent out once ready.

2. Documents required to purchase eartags:

- Original FAN Meat (Stock Brand) Card and ID of the owner.
- **In the event where tags are purchased on behalf of a third party, the following documents are required:**
 - A certified copy of the original FAN Meat Card (Stock Brand) of the owner
 - A certified copy of the ID of the owner
 - A police declaration/oath undersigned by Commissioner of Oaths from the owner clearly stating that he/she is giving permission for the tags to be purchased on his/her behalf. Full details of the person purchasing the tags must be provided in such declaration/oath
 - ID of the buyer
- **In the event of married couple**
 - A certified copy of the original FAN Meat Card of the owner
 - A certified copy of the ID of the owner
 - A certified copy of the marriage certificate
 - ID of the buyer

- **In the event where the owner of the stock brand is deceased and the estate is still not handled off:**


- A certified copy of the original FAN Meat Card of the owner
- A certified copy of the ID of the owner
- A certified copy of the marriage certificate if married
- A certified copy of the death certificate
- A certified copy of the executor letter
- A certified copy of the executor's ID
- A letter from the lawyer handling this estate giving authorization for ear tags to be purchased, also stating the quantity of ear tags authorized to purchase.

- **For any additional information, please contact the Meat Board Ear Tag Office:**

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The last Circular No.V10/2016 dealt with "Traceability requirements for Animals moving from surveillance zone establishments"