



## **Livestock & Meat Advisory Council**

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#### **OVERVIEW**

2018 has opened with positive expectation in the livestock sector. The reconstituted LMAC proudly takes its place as the recognised, autonomous and unified voice of the livestock industry in a year when major livestock development is planned. Both the national Command Livestock Programme and the roll out of the biggest livestock programme in Zimbabwe, the EU funded Zimbabwe Agricultural Growth Programme (ZAGP), are expected to significantly strengthen capacity across the livestock sector.

The deadline for project submissions for ZAGP has been extended from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> March. The scope of this livestock programme, with a focus on building strong, inclusive, value chains, has also been extended to incorporate all livestock species. Further information on project preparation for concepts designed to strengthen value chains for inclusive and sustainable livestock production, can be obtained from LMAC.

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, VAT was removed from goat and sheep meat at the retail level (see the attached statutory instrument).

#### **Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events: January**

<b><i>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></i></b>	Open meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs
<b><i>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></i></b>	Open meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe
<b><i>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></i></b>	Annual General Meeting and Council meeting of the Meat Producers' Association of Zimbabwe followed by MPAZ Council Meeting.
<b><i>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup></i></b>	Annual General Meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs, Bulawayo

#### **Enclosures**

- Statutory Instrument 159 of 2017, Customs and Excise (Suspension) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 (No 180)
- Statutory Instrument 161 of 2017, Value Added Tax (General) (Amendment) Regulations, 2017 (No 47)
- Raw Materials Supply, January 2018