



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

All pig producers in Zimbabwe are required by law to undergo annual inspection of their production facilities, under section 4 of the Animal Health Act (*African Swine fever (ASF)*). This states that “*no pig may be kept on any place except in facilities approved by the Director of Veterinary Services*”. Any operation not complying with ASF legislation may be closed with immediate effect. Inspection of pig operations for annual registration of the enterprise is carried out by arrangement with DVS.

To prevent direct contact between domestic pigs and wild pigs or warthogs (carriers of ASF), all pig operations must be adequately fenced. Domestic pigs must be housed in sties, contained within an outer perimeter fence.

Zimbabwe has a proud record of ASF disease control and good pig health, critical for the successful expansion of pig production under Command Livestock. Pig health is also an important cornerstone in the ongoing mentorship initiative of the Pig Producers Association and the Pig Industry Board to grow smallholder pig production in Zimbabwe.

For producers targeting the export market, as the country looks to increase export performance, Zimbabwe already has an internationally recognised pig production and marketing standard. The Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork Programme (ZQAP), is a comprehensive pig standard which complies with international best practice and the import requirements of different markets.

Statutory Instrument 129 of 2017

Livestock producers and processors are advised that, following a stakeholder meeting held on 26th April to discuss SI 129 of 2017, an urgent request to meet with the Minister, Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement has been submitted. Their response is awaited.

There is consensus in the livestock industry that this SI is not in keeping with the ongoing drive for business efficiency and maintaining the affordability of protein for the consumer and that further consultation across the industry is necessary.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events:

May 18th	Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association
May 22nd	Executive Meeting of the Zimbabwe Herd Book
May 23rd	Council Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association