



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

The pig industry is on alert following reports of African Swine Fever (ASF) in the Northern Cape, South Africa. Veterinary authorities in SA have notified the Department of Veterinary Services about the outbreak of this highly contagious pig disease. Affected pigs appear depressed, stop eating and huddle together. They may die before other clinical signs develop. Other signs of ASF are a swaying gait, recumbent pigs, difficult breathing and flushing of the skin over the abdomen and extremities.

Under Zimbabwean law, pigs must be kept inside a double fence to prevent contact with wild pigs which can transmit ASF. All pig producers are also required to undergo annual inspection of their operations which is arranged through the Department of Veterinary Services.

Across the livestock industry, the cost of procuring the requisite inputs has increased again over the last few weeks. Together with the high cost, the availability of money and of inputs (veterinary drugs, pre-mixes, vitamins, soya beans, etc) is currently also a challenge.

Meeting of the Meat Processors' Association of Zimbabwe

With reference to municipal biosafety standards, it was confirmed that butcheries and meat processing plants are required to comply with the same health standard. This is detailed in the Harare (Meat) By Laws and other instruments drawn up for other municipal areas.

Grave concern has been raised about the potential human and animal health risks posed by imports of offal, suspected to originate in South Africa. Following outbreaks of listeriosis, Avian Influenza and African Swine Fever in that country, Zimbabwe has imposed a ban on the importation of such products from SA.

Trade statistics show that the price of mechanically deboned meat doubled in the first quarter of 2018 when compared with the same period last year, with only half as much imported. Local production of processed meats has declined by 20 – 25% over this period.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events:

June 27th	Pig Symposium 2018
July 4th	Council meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association
6th July	Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association
13th July	Meeting of the Meat Processors Association of Zimbabwe

Enclosures

- Statutory Instrument 110 of 2018, Assignment of Functions (Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement) Notice, 2018