



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

In order for the livestock industry to play its part in national economic revival, it is important to maintain the momentum of the 'Ease of Doing Business' process under the Rapid Results Initiative (RRI). A critical part of this is the RRA (Rapid Results Action), the 100-day initiative currently underway in every government Ministry to achieve specific targets for each sector. The aim is to streamline processes at every level within each sector of the economy as a starting point to removing duplication across different Ministries/regulatory bodies.

A strong working partnership on 'Ease of Doing Business' has been forged between the livestock sector and the Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries (CZI) through the RRI. The weekly RRI Regulatory Committee and Marketing meeting is an important forum for exchange. Representatives from LMAC, CZI, Agricultural Marketing Authority, Ministry of Agriculture, Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe and other key players discuss permit applications and other critical issues.

Another key 'Ease of Doing Business' initiative is the EU funded project to review the regulatory framework in the livestock industry. This will assess the impact of Statutory Instruments and other regulations on operational efficiency at every level across the livestock industry.

Cattle Auctions

The Department of Veterinary Services announced 28th February as the date for resumption of sales at Mount Hampden Sale Pens, under strict animal movement requirements. All cattle consigned must be branded with a permanent hot brand identifying province/district of origin (please refer to attached Statutory Instrument 35 of 2003). Every consignment must be accompanied by a Veterinary Permit, as well as a Police Clearance Certificate, clearly stating the destination as Mount Hampden. Consignments not complying with this will not be offloaded and will be returned to farm of origin. Only animals previously booked in by an auctioneer will be accepted, during the stipulated delivery times.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events: March

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| March 7th | Council meeting of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association |
| March 9th | Council meeting of the Meat Processors Association of Zimbabwe |
| March 14th | Open meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs Open meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe |
| March 20th and 21st | Millstart and Nutrition School |
| March 22nd | Livestock Business Forum, Harare |

Enclosures

- Veterinary Report, week ending 23rd February
- Statutory Instrument 35 of 2003