



## **Livestock & Meat Advisory Council**

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### **LivestockZimbabwe Update: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Secretariat attended the Launch of the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) meeting organised under the auspices of the Office of the President and Cabinet (OPC) on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Representatives from industry associations made presentations on the deleterious impact of the costs of regulatory compliance on competitiveness of local products at home and in regional export markets.

The costly regulatory overlaps between departments in various Ministries offering value-added services coupled with the regulatory authorities desire to raise funds for their operations was also highlighted.

Many captains of industry and Government officials gathered to commence constructive engagement on reforms to reduce the regulatory cost of compliance and improve EoDB in a follow-up Planning Workshops. LMAC is an active member of two fundamental working groups:

- EoDB in Agriculture and Manufacturing; and
- Thematic Taskforce to look at streamlining and rationalising the regulatory environment for EoDB.

An Action Plan is to be presented within 75 days (by 21<sup>st</sup> November) to the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet with the goal of enhancing EoDB rankings of Zimbabwe from 155 out of 191 to under 50 in the next 8 months. This is a mammoth task requiring that Government and industry think outside the box and focus only on regulations for facilitating business and not on creating quasi-fiscal revenue for the regulator and parent Ministry.

#### **2019 Finance Act (No. 2) No. 7**

This was gazetted on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019 after the Mid Term Fiscal Policy review and the statutory instrument has brought several changes to the legislation administered by ZIMRA among them:

1. Capital Gains tax payable on sale of immovable property
2. Definition of a miner
3. Changes in rates of Special Excise payable on sale of second-hand motor vehicles
4. Changes in levels of taxable income in relation to income from employment

## **Goat Breeders Association of Zimbabwe**

The Goat Indaba held on Wednesday last week was an incredibly successful event and over 330 goat producers attended this inaugural event. Honourable Haritatos, Deputy Minister Livestock, officially opened the Indaba and commented on the exceptional turnout. The Indaba was supported by stockfeed manufacturers and animal health providers and networking with producers was also an important part of the event.

The Goat Stud Breeders Junior Course was also fully booked and this intensive one day event included discussions on breed standards, goat husbandry and animal health. Stephan Botes, Chairman of the Namibian Boar Goat Breeders Society facilitated the Course and his in-depth knowledge of goats and goat breeding was deeply appreciated by participants.

## **Zimbabwe Herd Book**

### **BEEF SCHOOL 2019**

Zimbabwe Herd Book has great pleasure in announcing the Beef School 2019. This prestigious event will take place over two days.

- Date:** Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
**Time:** 08.00 – 17.00pm each day  
**Venue:** Mystique Conference Centre, 42 Annabel Drive (off Matopos Road), Eloana, Bulawayo  
**Cost:** The fee for 2019 is payable in ZWL and is based on the USD cost of \$210.00 per person, **inclusive of all teas and lunch, the Proceedings and the evening braai.**  
**Bookings:** [admin@lit.co.zw](mailto:admin@lit.co.zw)

The School hosts both international and local guest speakers and the theme for 2019 is “Innovative Technologies for the Beef Industry” and topics include adopting new technologies for precision farming in Australia, Europe and the United States. Pasture management and the control of woody plants as a management tool for improving pasture productivity on extensive rangeland will also be discussed. Presentations on Theileriosis, Dermatophilosis and Compartmentalisation for Foot and Mouth Disease will also be made.

## **Livestock Diary: October**

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| <b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>                               | Open meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs<br>Open meeting of the Pig Producers Association |
| <b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b> | Beef School 2019, Bulawayo   |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>                             | Council meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association   |

## **Enclosures**

- 2019 Finance Act
- Monetary Policy Statement, September 2019
- Programme, Beef School 2019