



## Livestock and Meat Advisory Council

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## Livestock Zimbabwe Update: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

### Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs (ZAA)

The ZAA held a virtual meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020 where various issues affecting the beef industry were discussed. Primary concerns raised included abattoir operator's access to financing at reasonable interest rates to support their own production herds. These herds act as buffers to overcome erratic supplies and cyclical increases in demand, like the festive season. Under the spotlight were low beef prices that were coming under significant cost pressures. The expectation is that prices should start rising in the near future. Concerns were raised over the spread of diseases like Theileriosis that were negatively impacting communal herds. The Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) situation was being compounded by the difficulty in accessing vaccines.

### Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association

Following the award of a contract to ZFPA/LMAC to undertake a Value Chain Development study under the Fish4ACP, the secretariat held a meeting with the FAO lead team to finalize methodology and specific areas of interest.

### Zimbabwe Commercial Rabbit Breeders Association (ZiCORBA)

Commercial rabbit production in Zimbabwe is set for a major boost as the import of 200 purebred rabbits has been approved from a world renowned and perennial awarding winning rabbit breeder based in South Africa. This will bolster commercial rabbit production in Zimbabwe and support those venturing into this nascent industry.

ZiCORBA hope to introduce the majority of the 1,8 million households in Zimbabwe into the cash economy, through commercial rabbit production for both the domestic and export market. Rabbit production is one of the fastest growing sub-sectors of the small-livestock sector because of the health and economic benefits of rabbit meat, which falls under the most sought-after organic food and white meat. According to ZiCORBA, Zimbabwe, Kenya, South Africa and Egypt are among some of the top producers of rabbit meat in Africa. Global rabbit meat production is currently estimated at just over 1 million tonnes worth USD 6,5 billion, with China accounting for 65 percent of global meat consumption, followed by the Democratic Republic of Korea and Egypt.



LIT  
Livestock Identification Trust



PPAZ  
Pig Producers' Association of Zimbabwe



SMA  
Stockfeed Manufacturers Association



ZAA  
Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs



ZADF  
Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers



ZFPA  
Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association



Zimbabwe Free Range Poultry Association



ZHB  
Zimbabwe Herd Book



ZPA



ZQAP  
Zimbabwe Quality Assured Pork

**Consignment Based Conformity Assessment.**

Statutory Instrument (SI) 124 of 2020, Control of Goods (Open General Import Licence) Standards Assessment – Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) Notice 2020 No 1, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 has been promulgated. Please refer to the attached copy.

The purpose of the SI is to ensure that consignments of imported product fulfil the relevant national or international standards and also complies with technical regulations. This process includes an inspection of supporting documents that verify the quality of the product, a physical verification of the consignment (where appropriate) and correlation to shipping documents.

**Enclosures**

- SI 124 of 2020, Control of Goods (Open General Import Licence) Standards Assessment – Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) Notice 2020 No 1, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020.
- An Analysis of the Consignment Based Conformity Assessment (CBCA) Program in Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe Institute of Certified Customs and Excise Experts t/a Africa Centre for Customs, Excise and Trade Studies (ACCETS), ACCETS trade facilitation journal; volume 1; issue 1 of 2020; [www.ziccet.co.zw](http://www.ziccet.co.zw).