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OVERVIEW

The establishment of a single Zimbabwean portal for permit application and processing, has streamlined the issuing of import and export permits across the economy. To facilitate 'ease of doing business' the Ministry of Industry and Economic Development has established a Zimbabwean portal to bring the application and processing of permits under a single entity, for expeditious processing. This development is part of the Rapid Results Initiative to facilitate 'ease of doing business', across the economy.

Permits are required in the livestock industry for the importation of veterinary drugs and other supplies; pre-mixes and feed additives in stockfeed manufacture; maize and soya for stockfeed production where required to supplement local production; as well as ingredients for meat processing. Timely permit issue and the regulation of such imports is essential to animal and human health, business efficiency across the livestock sector and a vibrant and coordinated livestock industry.

Zimbabwe is proudly self-sufficient in the production of animal proteins, as well as in the manufacture of stockfeeds, by far the largest cost in animal rearing, at around 80% of the total cost of livestock production.

Pig Symposium 2018

The Pig Symposium 2018 held at ART Farm last Wednesday was a great success. Attended by 140 people including small scale producers and feed and veterinary suppliers, the event covered the key aspects of pig production. The programme included presentations on *Gut Health as a Supplement to Bio-Security, Maintaining Viability in the Face of Decreasing Producer Prices* from the Pig Industry Board, which is fundamental to the growth and long-term development of pig production in Zimbabwe as well as a presentation on innovative pig housing for small scale producer.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events:

- July 4th** Council Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association
- July 6th** Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers' Association.
- July 25th** 50th National Bull and Heifer Sale, Mt Hampden Sale Pens