



Livestock & Meat Advisory Council

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OVERVIEW

The study on *Cost of Compliance in Stockfeeds*, being carried out in Zimbabwe as part of an inter-country comparison by the World Bank, has been welcomed as an important part of business reform in the country. With stockfeed constituting as much as 80% of the total cost of livestock rearing, it is critical to maintain efficiency along the entire stockfeed value chain. Any production inefficiencies or other unnecessary costs along the stockfeed value chain inevitably impact on the cost of livestock farming and ultimately drive up the price of protein to the consumer.

For this reason, the stockfeed production value chain has been targeted under the Rapid Results Initiative for 'ease of doing business' reform. Stockfeed production is a key part of the whole livestock production equation and the World Bank *Cost of Compliance* Study is welcomed as a benchmark to improve efficiency and competitiveness in the stockfeed value chain. This is important for agriculture to play its role in driving economic recovery in Zimbabwe, as well as for price stabilisation of protein products.

Open Meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs

Alternating the holding of ZAA meetings between Harare and Bulawayo has been well received across the abattoir industry.

ZAA has been invited to contribute to the crafting of the next five-year Leather Sector Strategy and will participate at both the Harare and Bulawayo planning workshops this month. A key part of the next Leather Sector Strategy will be the setting of a viable hide price to build a vibrant leather value chain.

The meeting called for the Task Force on Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) to convene and determine the requirements for the implementation of a disease strategy. The meeting also highlighted the urgent need to establish a vaccine bank to enable livestock farmers to access FMD vaccine.

Council Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers' Association

SMA and the Oilseed Expressers' Association of Zimbabwe (OEAZ) are drafting a Memorandum of Understanding that will formalise the strategic partnership between these two key, complementary industries. As users of soya, both SMA and OEAZ support the national drive to increase local soya production, for local beneficiation which contributes to Zimbabwe's economic growth.

The meeting noted with concern that the allocation of molasses now coming on stream for the livestock industry, is significantly reduced this year. With molasses now also earmarked for the fuel industry and for yeast production, only 25% of local molasses is available for stockfeed, which falls far short of livestock industry requirements.

Schedule of forthcoming meetings and events:

June 27th Pig Symposium 2018

Enclosures

- Draft Programme, PPAZ Symposium 2018
- Newsletter of the Zimbabwe Poultry Association
- Veterinary Report, week ending 8th June
- Notification of the Third National Boran Sale