



## **Livestock & Meat Advisory Council**

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### **LivestockZimbabwe Update: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Chairman of the Stockfeed Manufacturers, Israel Muchuchu was part of the eight-member Zimbabwean delegation to the second Turkey-Africa Economic and Business Forum in Istanbul, which also included the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise Development, Honourable Ndlovu. They joined business and other leaders from 42 African countries in exploring opportunities for business cooperation. For SMA, this was an opportunity to explore scope for business engagement in milling and other agro-industries, as well as explore export opportunities for Zimbabwean agro-products.

With the new fish season underway, the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association is supporting the national drive to grow fish production. In this still largely untapped industry, there is exciting scope for the development of fish farming in Zimbabwe. As the organisation representing fish farmers, ZFPA has a key role to play in supporting the growth of small-scale fish farming in strong value chain development, with all the benefits that accrue from this.

Ahead of the Budget announcement, scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> November, LMAC has submitted a document for consideration by the Minister of Finance and Economic Development. LMAC has been part of the pre-budget engagement process and was invited to make submissions for the 2019 National Budget.

Engagement continues on the proposed legislation on genetically modified products and the applicability and cost of imposing these additional levies on the livestock industry. Not only would this add to the already high cost of compliance in livestock production, but nowhere else in the world does such legislation exist – production livestock are not genetically modified.

### **Meeting of the Stockfeed Manufacturers Association**

Procurement of imported stockfeed ingredients is an ongoing challenge. With locally grown soya now exhausted, the stockfeed industry has to look to importing the protein component of stockfeed, the other key ingredient with maize. Obtaining foreign currency for importation of soya as well as vitamins, minerals and premixes at escalating currency conversion charges, is driving up the cost of stockfeed manufacture. With the local supply of molasses no longer guaranteed, this important energy supplement that helps to maintain livestock in breeding condition, will also have to be imported. An analysis shows that the cost ratio of imported ingredients in the overall stockfeed production cost is escalating alarmingly in the proudly self-sufficient stockfeed industry.

### **Council Meeting of the Zimbabwe Fish Producers Association**

The main thrust of ZFPA's activities in 2018 has been to support the national aquaculture expansion drive. As well as being a key player in the ongoing drafting of a National Framework on Fish Production, ZFPA is also:

- Producing a Fish Production Management Calendar;
- Compiling a Fish Manual for small-scale and emergent fish farmers.
- Jointly initiated a guide on Bio-security in a fish operation, produced for the aquaculture industry by Henderson Research Station Fish Unit.

ZFPA will be hosting a Fish Indaba in early 2019, as an aquaculture educational and networking platform.

### **Livestock Diary: November**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Open Meeting of the Zimbabwe Association of Abattoirs

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Open Meeting of the Pig Producers Association of Zimbabwe

### **Enclosures:**

- Statutory Instrument 218 of 2018, Assignment of Functions (Minister of Finance and Economic Development) Notice, 2018
- Statutory Instrument 223 of 2018, Assignment of Functions (Minister of Industry, Commerce and Enterprise Development) Notice, 2018
- Statutory Instrument 228 of 2018, Assignment of Functions (Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Water, Climate and Rural Resettlement) Notice, 2018
- Statutory Instrument 237A of 2018, Control of Goods (Open General Import Licence) (Amendment) Notice, 2018 (No. 6)
- Zimbabwe One Health Antimicrobial Resistance National Action Plan, 2017-2021