



## **MEAT FLASH**

### **THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES STARTS WITH REGISTRATION OF LIVESTOCK IMPORT FACILITIES FOR RECEIVING NAMIBIAN LIVESTOCK.**

South Africa started with the registration of import facilities and issuing of import permits for the import of Namibian livestock. It is thus important to take note that there are currently two types of import permits that are valid. One permit, as announced in the South African government gazette, is applicable to export of animals from Namibia to any destination in SA and requires an extensive range of tests, while the latest permit, the so-called SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) permit is valid only for approved destinations and requires less tests. It is of utmost importance that Namibian importers take cognisance of the requirements for each South African import permit and take the necessary actions to comply with these requirements – also inside South Africa

### **MEAT BOARD DISCUSSES CURRENT SITUATION OF WEANER CALF INDUSTRY WITH ROLE PLAYERS.**

The implementation of new conditions for export of livestock, especially weaner calves, to South Africa, started to have a dramatic impact on weaner prices. Not a single calf could have been exported by producers to South Africa since 1 July 2016. While weaner calf prices fluctuated around N\$19,35/kg at the beginning of the year, the average weaner calf price in July 2016 was about N\$16,49 and decreased even further during August 2016. Certain categories of cattle such as smaller calves and lean cows sell for very low prices, and the number of animals offered at auctions is at its lowest. The whole situation is worsened by the current drought in Namibia.

A meeting between role players, producers, abattoirs and Feedmaster discussed short term solutions. One option is to request producers with available grazing to accommodate weaner calves or by getting rid of unproductive animals and/or using supplementary licks to grow out weaners for the period. Considering the current weaner price levels, growing weaners to slaughter oxen with supplementary licks can be profitable.

### **MINISTER OF INDUSTRIALISATION, TRADE AND SME DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATES REMAINING NORWEGIAN QUOTA.**

The Minister of Industrialisation, Trade and SME development allocated the unused Norwegian quota for the period January 2016 to June 2016 to Meatco. Meatco fully utilised their allocation for the first six months of 2016 and thus qualifies to take up the unused quota. The quota is allocated according to principles set by the Minister on 30 November 2015. The unused quota of 400 tonnes was originally allocated to Witvlei Abattoir and Brukkaros Abattoir. Namibia gets a quota of 1600 tonnes from Norway and everything possible should be done to fully utilise this quota.

