

Value Added Tax (Unbeneficiated Hides Export) Regulations, 2018

It is hereby notified that the Minister of Finance and Economic Development has, in terms of section 78 read with section 12C of the Value Added Tax Act [*Chapter 23:12*], made the following regulations:—

*Title*

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Value Added Tax (Unbeneficiated Hides Export) Regulations, 2018.

(2) These regulations shall be effective for a period of three months from the 1st of March, 2018.

*Interpretation*

2. In these regulations—

“registered merchant” means an unbeneficiated hides merchant listed in the Schedule to these regulations;

“stockpile” means quantities of unbeneficiated hides in excess of domestic demand as evidenced by proof of supply to the local industry.

*Grant of export tax relief*

3. (1) Subject to section 12C of the Value Added Tax Act [*Chapter 23:12*], export tax relief shall be granted on unbeneficiated hides exported by a registered merchant listed in the Schedule.

(2) The registered merchant referred to in subsection (1) shall be issued with an export permit by the Minister responsible for Agriculture.

(3) These regulations shall only apply to stockpile accumulated prior to 20th February, 2018.

(4) The relief granted shall not exceed the maximum quantities prescribed for each individual exporter in the Schedule.

*Registration of exporters of unbeneficiated hides*

4. (1) The registered merchant who wishes to export unbeneficiated hides in terms of these regulations shall, upon confirmation of the

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evidence of a stockpile of unbeneficiated hides by the Minister responsible for Agriculture, apply for a permit in terms of these regulations.

(2) In order to be eligible for registration hereunder the registered merchant must be registered with the Zimbabwe Revenue Authority and have valid tax clearance certificate.

### *Export of unbeneficiated hides*

5. (1) Unbeneficiated hides that benefit under the relief of export tax provided for in these regulations shall be exported through the port of entry nearest to the premises of the registered merchant where the unbeneficiated hides stockpile is held.

(2) Any registered merchant who exports unbeneficiated hides in terms of these regulations shall be required to ensure that payment for the unbeneficiated hides has been made—

- (a) to resident of Zimbabwe in such manner as may be prescribed by the Exchange Control Regulations, 1996, published in Statutory Instrument 109 of 1996; or
- (b) within such period after the date of export as may be prescribed;

and provide a copy of the proof of export and proceeds received therefrom to the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development within seven days of the conclusion of the export acquittal process.

### *Cancellation of registration*

6. (1) The Minister responsible for Agriculture may cancel or suspend the validity of the permit issued to the registered merchant if such registered merchant—

- (a) ceases to hold a stockpile of unbeneficiated hides; or
- (b) fails to comply with or contravenes any of the provisions of these regulations; or
- (c) so requests.

(2) If any registration is cancelled in terms of subsection (1), any relief granted in terms of these regulations shall immediately become due and payable.

*Repeals*

7. (1) The Value Added Tax (Unbeneficiated Hides Export) Regulations, 2015, published in Statutory Instrument 16 of 2015, are repealed.

(2) Value Added Tax (Unbeneficiated Hides Export) Regulations, 2017, published in Statutory Instrument 12 of 2017, are repealed.

SCHEDULE (Sections 2 and 3)  
REGISTERED MERCHANTS

Name of Merchant	Number of hides	Weight (kilograms)
Afro Hides and Skins (Private) Limited	4,860	111,780
A-irro Enterprises	6,330	145,590
Bellevue Abattoir	8,697	200,031
Bulawayo Abattoir	8,000	184,000
Cold Storage Company Limited	6,913	158,999
ER York	2,690	61,870
Global Tanners	16,858	387,734
Holafield Investments	10,870	250,010
Koala Park Butchery and Abattoir	8,317	191,291
Longtex (Private) Limited	32,609	750,007
Lushaba Trading	9,660	222,180
MC Meats Abattoirs	4,152	95,496
Meggertop Enterprises	24,000	552,000
Surrey Abattoirs	2,125	48,875
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>146,081</b>	<b>3,359,863</b>

