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PRESS RELEASE: SUSPENSION OF VETERINARY IMPORT PERMIT

Following the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) recognition of Namibia as a country with **negligible risk for Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)** commonly known as mad cow disease, changes in the approved Veterinary Import Permits (VIP) are required to provide the level of protection commensurate with the status so obtained.

As a result thereof, the existing Veterinary Import Permits in respect of the import of live cattle, beef (excluding deboned beef) and intestines are hereby suspended.


This suspension is applicable retrospectively to all valid Veterinary Import Permits that are still in circulation and all future issuances of such permits.

A new model Veterinary Import Permits has been drafted and will be shared with trading partners for their comments and approval.

Kindly note that all other animals and animal products, excluding live cattle, beef (excluding deboned beef) and intestines, may still be imported as normal subject to existing Veterinary Import Permits conditions.

Importers who may experience specific problems with this suspension must contact:

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