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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOR OWN USE FROM ZIMBABWE AND MOZAMBIQUE.

(In terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No 35 of 1984) and the Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act 40 of 2000))

1. General conditions

Note: **VIP** : Veterinary Import Permit **VHC** : Veterinary Health Certificate

- 1.1 This dispensation is limited to animal products forming part of travellers' personal luggage and intended for their personal use. This means that the traveller must bring it in him/herself. It may not be imported by courier or someone else. **It may not be sold or disposed of in any way other than by own consumption / use.**
- 1.2 These guidelines apply only for products exempted from being imported on a Veterinary Import Permit.
- 1.3 Small quantities of certain commodities may be imported as own use through any port of entry if it is clearly part of personal luggage. Such commodities and quantities must comply with the below guidelines. Border post control officials may refuse entry of such products at any time if the concession is misused.
- 1.4 Only limited quantities may be imported.
- 1.5 Veterinary import permits are issued by the permit office of the Directorate Animal Health in Pretoria (Tel 012 319 7514 / -7632 / 7633/ -7503/ -7406; fax 012 329 8292; InaL@daff.gov.za). Enquiries in this regard can be directed here as well.
- 1.6 Enquiries regarding border control can be addressed to either :
 - a) Mr N Luvhimbi LuvhimbiN@daff.gov.za
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(NO permit applications will be accepted at these fax numbers)
- 1.7 This dispensation may be cancelled or changed on short notice.
- 1.8 The South African Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries does not accept any responsibility for the safety of products imported for own consumption.

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- 1.9 Only clean containers may be used for packaging, e.g. no second-hand hessian / jute bags may be used for the transport of products e.g. mopani worms.
- 1.10 In order to qualify as a person in terms of this guideline, the person must be older than 12 years.
- 1.11 Only the following ports of entry may be used:
- Zimbabwe: Beitbridge
 - Mozambique: Lebombo
Kosibay

2. Importation of Edible Animal Products for own use

2.1 Raw Products

- Reasonable small amounts of fresh meat are allowed **ONLY** sealed, still in the original sealed commercial packaging **AND** clearly originating from South Africa and amounts are clearly for own use purposes.
- Consignments exceeding these amounts per importer are not regarded as being imported for own consumption. The importer must apply for a **commercial veterinary import permit** and comply with those conditions.
- No raw pork and/or meat from wild pigs or any other cloven hoofed animals may be imported for own use.
- No raw milk or other raw dairy products are allowed to be imported.

2.2 Other Processed Meats (canned, cooked, polony, brawn, etc)

Reasonable small amounts of processed meat are allowed **ONLY IF** they are sealed, still in the original sealed commercial packaging, clearly originating from South Africa **AND** for own consumption or own use.

2.3 Dairy Products

Reasonable small amounts of processed dairy products are allowed **ONLY IF** they are sealed, still in the original sealed commercial packaging, clearly originating from South Africa **AND** for own consumption or own use.

3. Importation of Inedible Animal Products for Own Use

Conditions

This dispensation is limited to animal products forming part of travellers' personal luggage and intended for their personal use. The responsible official at the port of entry will judge the quantity of inedible products allowed.

The general conditions stipulated under "General Conditions" above will also apply.

Limited numbers/volume of the following products may be imported for own use without a veterinary import permit or a veterinary health certificate:

- Mats and rugs made from fully processed animal skins
- Fully processed leather articles (shoes, handbags, curios, sjamboks, leather whips and other articles containing leather).
- A few items of treated grass products. Including grass brooms, grass mats, grass hats, grass baskets, grass seat covers, grass nests, grass bags, grass plates, grass furniture.

4. The following products may not be imported, or brought into South Africa for own use, without a veterinary import permit (permits for these commodities will be considered on an individual basis and may not necessarily be issued):

- Any animal or animal product from the foot and mouth disease (FMD) areas, publically known as the surveillance / red line/ protection areas
- Any edible product where the mass exceeds the limits prescribed in this document.
- Raw pork or meat from wild pigs. Biltong from pigs (e.g. warthogs)
- Inedible animal products imported for commercial purposes (The responsible official at the port of entry will judge the quantity of inedible products allowed for own use)
- Raw unprocessed or partially processed trophies
- Curios containing dry raw unprocessed hides & skins or items from game trophies originating from the FMD infected zone.
- Bones, teeth, antlers, claws or horns in large quantities.
- Animal feed including bone meal, carcass meal, blood meal
- Live animals, live poultry or birds
- Second-hand hessian / jute bags
- Wool, hair, bristles, feathers, down
- Manure / animal waste
- Semen and embryos
- Trout ova and live trout
- Veterinary pharmaceuticals or vaccines


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