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The March 2014 up to January 2015 monthly reports have been published on the Department's website and were also e-mailed to the applicant and the third respondent.

The final draft of the risk analysis, in accordance with the OIE Code, was sent out to Industry / Stakeholders for comment as well as for peer review on 5 January 2015. Comments were received. The comments received in writing will, in due course, be published on the Department's website. In addition an industry / stakeholder presentation session was held on 5 and 6 February 2015 at which several more comments were made orally. These comments were noted. All of the comments were considered during the process of finalizing the Import Risk Analysis.

The Veterinary Services of Zambia have to date not provided the additional information requested on the response to the questionnaire. Another reminder was sent on 19 February 2015. Furthermore, as a result of comments received on the Draft Import Risk Analysis, additional information and supporting documentation about the PPR situation in Zambia was requested from the Veterinary Authority of Zambia on 5 February 2015 and a reminder was sent on 20 February 2015. On completion of this monthly report this information was not forthcoming.

In compliance with the court order dated 27 February 2014, a draft policy on the importation of sable antelope from Zambia will be drawn up after completion of the Import Risk Analysis. Together with the final Import Risk Analysis, the Draft Import Policy will be published for comment on 6th March 2015 on the DAFF website. Parties will be afforded an opportunity to submit comments there on by 17th April 2015.

All comments received on the Draft Import Policy will be considered and a final policy on the importation of sable antelope from Zambia will be published on the Department's website by no later than 4th May 2015.

Within two weeks after the final import Policy is published, the DAH will make known the decision in respect of the applicant's application for an import permit.