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MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE: April 2014

As per the requirements of the second court order dated 27 February 2014, the following has been completed:-

1. Communication was sent out on the 3rd of March requesting information and opinions to open the Risk Analysis process. These were received and taken into consideration when the Risk Communication Strategy was drawn up.
2. The Risk Communication Strategy was finalised and published on the DAFF website.
3. The first monthly status report has been finalised and published on the DAFF website.
4. A request has been sent to the Director: Department of Veterinary and Livestock Development of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development of Zambia to provide specific information. In order to complete the Hazard Identification and Entry Assessment steps of the Risk Analysis, the Veterinary Services of the exporting country needs to be evaluated. This would include the surveillance and control

programme for important diseases as well as zoning and compartmentalization systems. The Directorate is awaiting a response from the Veterinary Services of Zambia.

5. A request for peer review of the risk analysis, once it has been completed, has been sent to the Chief Veterinary Officers of some of the neighbouring countries. The Directorate Animal Health is currently awaiting confirmation on whether assistance as per this request will be provided.