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THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES THE DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HEALTH

MONTHLY STATUS UPDATE: June 2014

The March, April and May monthly reports have been published on the Department's website and were also e-mailed to the applicant and the third respondent.

To comply with point 2.3, of the second court order dated 27 February 2014, which states that "Within 5 months from expiry of the period referred to in 2.2, to complete a Risk Analysis as prescribed by the OIE Code and thereafter, to publish, for comment, a policy on the importation of sable antelope from Zambia", the following has been undertaken:-

1. Procurement procedures, to appoint an independent expert to conduct a risk assessment is still in progress. As soon as an expert is appointed all interested parties will be advised.
2. The Directorate is still awaiting information from Zambian Veterinary Authorities in order to complete the Hazard Identification and Entry Assessment steps of the Risk Analysis. A reminder was sent via e-mail and verbal confirmation was received that the information requested will be sent shortly.
3. The two aforementioned processes have taken longer than the Department has envisaged. As a consequence it may impact on the time

periods imposed by the Court Order. The Department is still considering its position in this regard and will inform all interested parties in due course. In the event that it appears that time periods stipulated in the Court Order, the Department may have to approach the Court for an extension of time in relation to the processes contemplated therein.