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

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

To comply with the second court order dated 27 February 2014, the following has been undertaken:-

1. Procurement procedures to appoint an independent expert to conduct a risk assessment are still in progress and close to finalisation. As soon as an expert is appointed all interested parties will be advised of the identity of the consultant and will be provided with an estimate of the time period within which the consultant will complete its work.
2. After numerous reminders the Directorate is still awaiting information from the Zambian Veterinary Authorities in order to complete the Hazard Identification and Entry Assessment steps of the Risk Analysis. Another reminder was sent via e-mail on 25 July 2014.
3. Due to the delay in the finalisation of the two aforementioned processes, it is envisaged that the time period imposed by the Court Order may not be adhered to and it may still be necessary to apply for an extension. We

will obviously also be in a better position to indicate to interested parties how much of an extension is required once the consultant is appointed.

4. To assist with the completion of the Hazard Identification of the Import Risk Analysis by the Directorate: Animal Health, a request for the submission of detailed information on the identification of the hazards associated with this import will soon be sent out. In order to facilitate the Risk Assessment part of the Risk Analysis, scientific motivation together with peer reviewed references will be requested.