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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 1662 OF 2009

#### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

#### ANIMAL DISEASES ACT, 1984 (ACT NO. 35 OF 1984)

#### PUBLICATION OF NOTICE ON THE CONSIDERATION TO IMPORT SABLE ANTELOPE FROM ZAMBIA TO SOUTH AFRICA ACCORDING TO GUIDELINES OF THE ATTACHED PROTOCOL.

I, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, while cognisant of the need to facilitate trade among African countries, hereby invite public comments on the proposed notice on the consideration to import sable antelope from Zambia utilizing the Importation of Sable Antelope Protocol attached.

Comments must be submitted before 31 January 2010. They must be sent to:

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**PROTOCOL**

**ON**

**THE IMPORTATION  
OF SABLE ANTELOPE**

**FROM ZAMBIA TO SOUTH  
AFRICA**

**BETWEEN**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**



In order to safely import live Sable Antelope (*Hippotragus niger kirki*)(hereafter referred to as Sable) from Zambia to South Africa the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereafter referred to as (DAFF) and the Department of Veterinary and Livestock Development hereafter referred to as (DVLD) the following protocol will apply:

## **ARTICLE 1**

### **COLLECTION OF SPECIMEN DURING QUARANTINE AND ISSUING OF A VETERINARY IMPORT PERMIT**

While the Sable Antelope are in quarantine, all specimen collection and tests for diagnostic purposes must be conducted under official veterinary supervision acceptable to DAFF. This can only happen once a Veterinary Import Permit has been issued, and an agreed-upon protocol exists between the veterinary services of South Africa and Zambia

Compliance with the stipulations contained in the protocol and other relevant official policy documents should in all instances be to the satisfaction and criteria acceptable to DAFF

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **COMMENCEMENT OF QUARANTINE**

The commencement of quarantine is dependent on approval of the quarantine facilities in Zambia, and in South Africa. Recommendations have already been made that the relevant South African officials do these inspections as soon as it is possible. Any delay in this process will inevitably cause further delays in the commencement of quarantine. Before official approval of the relevant quarantine facilities has been obtained, quarantine from the perspective of the South African authorities cannot commence in Zambia

## **ARTICLE 3**

### **PRE-REQUISITES FOR THE QUARANTINE PERIOD:**

1. Full traceability of animals and samples for diagnostic purposes must be demonstrated throughout the quarantine period
2. Full records must be kept of:
  - a. Each case: events register (including deaths, births, sample collections, treatments etc.)
  - b. Fly control log
  - c. Rodent control log, and
  - d. Access log
3. No additional cloven-hoofed animals may be released into Lusaka Park during the period of quarantine

4. Failure to comply with the above criteria will compromise the quarantine, and the procedure will start again
5. The quarantine process shall be monitored and audited by an acceptable South African-appointed representative. This person may be a private person appointed by DAFF
6. All animals that die must be subjected to a full necropsy, either by a government veterinarian, or a veterinarian duly authorized for this purpose. Confirmatory samples must be collected and sent through to the ARC-OVI for the required supplementary diagnostic purposes. These specimens should be submitted under cover of an appropriate South African veterinary import permit, depending on the type of specimen
7. All relevant diagnostic tests during the quarantine period must be conducted at the ARC-OVI or other approved (by DAFF) and accredited diagnostic laboratories

#### ARTICLE 4

##### PRE-EXPORT QUARANTINE:

Normal protocols according to standard South African veterinary import conditions will apply, including:

1. Full quarantine conditions
2. Full access control
3. Signed register
4. Foot-baths, and
5. Gumboot usage
6. Storage of food within the quarantine unit must be sufficient for 1 month, unless Zambian State Veterinary Department and DAFF give permission to source more.
7. Faecal material and old feed can only be moved out during the period of quarantine under Zambian State Veterinary Department and DAFF permission
8. All feed to be sourced from outside of an endemic or outbreak Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) area, preferably from South Africa
9. All bedding for transport to be sourced from outside of endemic or outbreak FMD area
10. All transport crates to be treated according to requirements of Dept Plant Protection, as is stipulated in current VIP requirements
11. The area in which the current quarantine camp is situated within the Lusaka district must remain FMD free for the duration of the quarantine in Zambia, within a 50 km radius of the quarantine bomas

**A 30-day period of quarantine, pre-export and 45 days post-export should provide sufficient time to determine the disease status of the animal, and that they do not become infected with these diseases, or any other disease, during the quarantine period**