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IMPORTATION OF PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS INTO NAMIBIA

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

1. LEGAL FRAMEWORK (LEGISLATION)

According to the Meat Industry Act (No 12 of 1981), section 10 (i) the Board with the approval of the Administrator-General, to take steps with a view to increasing the demand for controlled products in the territory or elsewhere. Therefore, it is on those bases that the Board at its board meeting on the 16 August 2012 approved the implementation of a “Pork Market Share Promotion Scheme” to be implemented as from 1 October 2012.

The scheme will be implemented as a condition to the issuance of Meat Board import and export permits and will require all producers, processors, importers to register with the Meat Board of Namibia.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME

- 2.1 The Pork Market Share Promotion Scheme aims to promote the local pork production as well as to protect the industry against the importation of low priced pork meat and products as part of the Infant protection policy.
- 2.2 This is with the intention of growing the pork industry towards self-sufficiency in local pork supplies.

3. REQUIREMENTS

- 3.1 All pork importers must register with the Meat Board of Namibia.
- 3.2 All pork imports will be subject to the implementation of a quantitative restriction on the importation of fresh/frozen pork carcasses/cuts at a ratio of;
 - i. 1:2 (Local purchases (kg) to Imports (kg)), during the period February to September when there is an oversupply of local pork in the market
 - ii. 1:3 (Local purchases (kg) to Imports (kg)), between October and January when there is as shortage of local pork in the market.
- 3.3 Producers/Importers/processors partaking in the scheme should hand in a 3 monthly production/import requirement schedule to the Meat Board;

- 3.4 Producers/importers/ partaking in the scheme should hand in a monthly performance report to the Meat Board;
- 3.5 Exporters may claim the share of the processed pork exported for consideration outside the scheme quota
- 3.6 None/part delivery of a producer pork supply contract may be considered outside the scheme (Proof to be submitted by either processor/producer);
- 3.7 In the event of local pork shortages, pork imports may be allocated to importers on a percentage based on the previous three months local purchases;
- 3.8 No pig producer will be allowed to import pork.

4. CALCULATION OF THE PORK CEILING PRICE

- 4.1 The maximum /ceiling pork price per kilogram will be calculated monthly as

(Red meat abattoir association average BO/BP grade prices +Transport (average Cape Town and Johannesburg to Windhoek) +Meat Board Import Levy Slaughter fee) + (20% local production incentive).

5. ACCUMULATION OF PORK IMPORT QUOTAS

- 5.1 A quota accumulation period of two months will be maintained in order to minimize the stock piling of pork and therefore also be in line with the scheme intends objectives.

6. PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME

- 6.1 The following pork products are included in the scheme. These products can only be imported, if the importer have import quota which is obtainable after the importer has purchased local below mentioned pork products:

- 6.1.1 Pork Carcasses
- 6.1.2 Pork Cuts
- 6.1.3 Pork Legs
- 6.1.4 Pork Chops
- 6.1.5 Pork Shoulder
- 6.1.6 Pork Loin

7. PRODUCTS EXCLUDED FROM THE SCHEME

7.1 The following pork products are excluded from the scheme and an import permit can be issued without local purchase

- 7.1.1 Pork trimmings
- 7.1.2 Pork shoulder trimmings
- 7.1.3 Pork back fat
- 7.1.4 Processed products of pork
- 7.1.5 Pork Ribs e.g. Belly, Spare Ribs, Pork Loin Ribs etc.
- 7.1.6 Pork Fillets

8. OBTAINING A MEAT BOARD IMPORT PERMIT

8.1 In order to obtain a Meat Board Import permit, the following documents must be presented to the Meat Board:

- 8.1.1 A completed Meat Board Application to Import
- 8.1.2 A Directorate of Veterinary Services' Import Permit
- 8.1.3 Proof of Local Purchase / unavailability of local pork
- 8.1.4 Invoice from supplier from importing country
- 8.1.5 Paid up Meat board Import levies

9. AUDIT OF THE SCHEME

- 9.1 An audit on all pork products imported into Namibia will be conducted by an independent auditor to be appointed by the Meat Board.
- 9.2 The scope of the audit assignment will be the verification of the correctness of all documentation, control and management of the Pork Market Share Scheme respectively.