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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**NO. 4****08 JANUARY 2016**

Corrigendum to Government gazette notice No. 1062.

Government gazette notice No. 1062 should read as follows:

Draft Veterinary Strategy and the accompanying Strategic Implementation Plans in South Africa

I, Senzeni Zokwana, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereby

- (a) invite all interested institutions, organisations and individuals to submit written comments on the Draft Veterinary Strategy and the accompanying Strategic Implementation Plans. Comments shall be submitted on or before 10 March 2016 to the following address:

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- (b) The above-mentioned Draft Veterinary Strategy and the accompanying Strategic Implementation Plans will be made available on the DAFF website (www.daff.gov.za) for public viewing, at the following route: Branches → Agricultural Production, Health & Food Safety → Animal Health → Information → Press Releases

MR. SENZENI ZOKWANA

Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION NOTICE:
DRAFT VETERINARY STRATEGY FOR SOUTH AFRICA AND THE ACCOMPANYING
STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

Livestock production in South Africa is a fundamental element of socio-economic development and significant contributor to food security and food sovereignty. Veterinary Services play a key role in ensuring that the sanitary requirements for livestock production, health and trade are effective and efficient and that the food and other products produced from animals are safe for use.

Over the years, new challenges have emerged as diseases which were unknown a decade ago have appeared while others, such as foot and mouth disease and avian flu, have recently presented new challenges, reminding us that they remain very serious risks.

Trading conditions have also changed radically with the volume of trade in animal products increasing greatly, both within South Africa and internationally. It is important that the State provides national leadership to ensure that South Africa's veterinary services is positioned effectively to protect the ecosystem, animal and human health and ensure economic growth and wealth generation.

The Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is pleased to present its proposal for a Veterinary Strategy to improve the performance of Veterinary Services in South Africa based on internal and external evaluation results including that of the World Organisation for Animal Health (Office international des Epizooties – OIE) and the stakeholder consultation on the animal diseases management plan among others. The current veterinary strategy has been developed with the mission "to ensure that human and animal wellbeing is optimized to strengthen the internal market and the competitiveness of the livestock sector value chain.

The proposed veterinary strategy provides a broad framework for the fulfillment of the national and provincial Departments of Agriculture's responsibilities to guarantee citizens of South Africa "the right to have access to sufficient and safe food of animal origin" and that "the State must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within its available resources, to achieve the progressive realization of each of these rights". The strategy therefore aligns itself with the New Growth Path (NGP), the National Development Plan (NDP) and Industrial Policy Action Plan (IPAP) through the Agriculture Policy Action Plan (APAP) which seeks to assist in the achievement of decent employment through inclusive growth, and comprehensive rural development and food security.

The proposed veterinary strategy is accompanied by the strategic implementation plans to the veterinary strategy namely:

1. Veterinary Public Health strategic implementation plan to the Veterinary Strategy
2. Animal Welfare strategic implementation plan to the Veterinary Strategy
3. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories strategic implementation plan to the Veterinary Strategy
4. Draft Policy for Animal Identification and value chain traceability in South Africa
5. Draft Community Animal Health Care Strategy
6. Antimicrobial Resistance National Strategy Framework 2014-2024
7. Animal Welfare Strategic Implementation Plan to the Veterinary Strategy

This notice serves to invite comments on the Draft Veterinary Strategy and the attached Strategic Implementation Plans documents to do so before 10 March 2016.

Copies of the documents may be obtained on request from the Chief Director: Animal Health and Production or alternately can be accessed on the DAFF website <http://www.daff.gov.za/daffweb3/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Animal-Health/information/press-release>

Public Consultation Workshops intended to cover all the nine (9) provinces in South Africa have been scheduled for the following dates:

Gauteng (Venue to be confirmed), Date: 18-22 January 2016

Activities:

Day 1 & 2 (18-19/01/2016):

Food and Feed Safety

Control of Veterinary Medicines and antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa

Residue control and monitoring

Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis

Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 3 & 4 (20-21/01/2016):

Animal Welfare

Disease control and Surveillance

Authorization of Private Veterinarians

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 5 (22/01/2016): Animal Identification and Access to markets

Veterinary Governance model in South Africa

Free State (Glen Collage); Date: 9-11 February 2016

Activities: Day 1 (9/02/2016):

Food and Feed Safety

Control of Veterinary Medicines and antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa

Residue control and monitoring

Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis

Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 2 (10/02/2016):

Animal Welfare

Disease control and Surveillance

Authorization of Private Veterinarians

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 3 (11/02/2015): Animal Identification and Access to markets

Veterinary Governance model in South Africa

North West (Venue to be confirmed); Date: 9-11 February 2016

Activities: Day 1 (9/02/2016):

Food and Feed Safety

Control of Veterinary Medicines antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa

Residue control and monitoring

Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis

Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 2 (10/02/2016):

Animal Welfare

Disease control and Surveillance

Authorization of Private Veterinarians

Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 3 (11/02/2015): Animal Identification and Access to markets
Veterinary Governance model in South Africa

KwaZulu-Natal (Venue to be confirmed); Date: 9-11 February 2016

Activities: Day 1 (9/02/2016):

Food and Feed Safety
Control of Veterinary Medicines and antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa
Residue control and monitoring
Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis
Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 2 (10/02/2016):

Animal Welfare
Disease control and Surveillance
Authorization of Private Veterinarians
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 3 (11/02/2015): Animal Identification and Access to markets

Western Cape (Elsenburg); Date: 16-18 February 2016

Activities: Day 1 (16/02/2016):

Food and Feed Safety
Control of Veterinary Medicines and antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa
Residue control and monitoring
Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis
Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 2 (17/02/2016):

Animal Welfare
Disease control and Surveillance
Authorization of Private Veterinarians
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 3 (18/02/2016): Animal Identification and Access to markets
Veterinary Governance model in South Africa

Northern Cape (Venue to be confirmed); Date: 16-18 February 2016

Activities: Day 1 (16/02/2016):

Food and Feed Safety
Control of Veterinary Medicines and antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa
Residue control and monitoring
Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis
Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 2 (17/02/2016):

Animal Welfare
Disease control and Surveillance
Authorization of Private Veterinarians
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 3 (18/02/2016): Animal Identification and Access to markets
Veterinary Governance model in South Africa

Eastern Cape (Venue to be confirmed); Date: 16-18 February 2016**Activities: Day 1 (16/02/2016):**

Food and Feed Safety
Control of Veterinary Medicines and antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa
Residue control and monitoring
Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis
Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 2 (17/02/2016):

Animal Welfare
Disease Control and Surveillance
Authorization of Private Veterinarians
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 3 (18/02/2016): Animal Identification and Access to markets
Veterinary Governance model in South Africa

Limpopo (Venue to be confirmed); Date: 7-9 March 2016**Activities: Day 1 (07/03/2016):**

Food and Feed Safety
Control of Veterinary Medicines and antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa
Residue control and monitoring
Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis
Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 2 (08/03/2016):

Animal Welfare
Disease control and Surveillance
Authorization of Private Veterinarians
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 3 (09/03/2016): Animal Identification and Access to markets
Veterinary Governance model in South Africa

Mpumalanga (Venue to be confirmed); Date: 7-9 March 2016**Activities: Day 1 (07/03/2016):**

Food and Feed Safety
Control of Veterinary Medicines and antimicrobial resistance action plan in South Africa
Residue control and monitoring
Laboratory approval for Food Safety and Zoonosis analysis
Animal Welfare at Slaughter

Day 2 (08/03/2016):

Animal Welfare
Disease Control and Surveillance
Authorization of Private Veterinarians
Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratories

Day 3 (09/03/2016): Animal Identification and Access to markets
Veterinary Governance model in South Africa