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DRAFT LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY SYSTEM IN SOUTH AFRICA (LITS SA)**INVITATION FOR PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE REVISED DRAFT LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY SYSTEM IN SOUTH AFRICA (LITS SA)**

I, Senzeni Zokwana, MP, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereby invite all interested institutions, organisations and individuals to submit written comments on the revised draft LITS SA.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments within 30 days from the date of publication of this Public Consultation Notice to the following address:

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REVISED DRAFT LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY SYSTEM IN SOUTH AFRICA (LITS SA)

Identification of Livestock and products of animal origin and Traceability systems are important, effective tools that can be used for many things, including the protection of animal health, public health and food safety. They can help reduce response time, thereby limiting economic, environmental and social impacts of emergency situations such as disease outbreaks and disasters.

Of recent, animal and animal product identification systems have become mandatory prerequisites to trade. Delaying the adoption of traceability programs reduces access to specific domestic and international markets but at the same time it increases costs for livestock producers. On this basis, many countries have developed Livestock identification and traceability systems.

The original notice was gazette in notice number 1062 of 06 November 2015 under the Draft Veterinary Strategy and the accompanying Strategic Implementation Plans in South Africa.

In order for the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries to finalize the operational policy on Livestock Identification and Traceability for Meat Safety and disease control, you are kindly requested to send comments on the proposed revised draft Livestock Identification and Traceability System in South Africa (LITS SA) for a period of one (1) calendar month from the date of publication of this notice.

The above-mentioned draft LITS SA document and its annex will be made available on the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries website www.daff.gov.za for public viewing and downloading.

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