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ATTENTION ALL IMPORTERS OF HORSES

RE: THE IMPORTATION OF HORSES FROM ZIMBABWE TO SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Client,

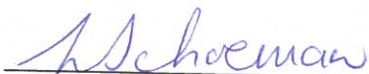
In terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No 35 of 1984), section 6 "*No person shall import any animal, parasite or contaminated or infectious thing into the Republic except under the authority of a permit and in compliance with any condition imposed in such a permit.*" The veterinary import permit for the importation of horses from Zimbabwe into South Africa stipulates: "*Failure to comply with any of the conditions stipulated in this permit may lead to refusal to release the consignment or to the seizure thereof*".

It has come to our attention that horses that are imported into South Africa from Zimbabwe do not always comply with the requirement that horses must be resident in Zimbabwe for three (3) months before they are exported to South Africa.

With immediate effect all applications to import horses from Zimbabwe must be accompanied by a letter from the veterinary authority of Zimbabwe verifying that the horse(s) have been resident in Zimbabwe for three months.

Horses must also be subject to an ELISA or card agglutination test for Surra within 30 days prior to export.

Kind regards



DIRECTOR OF ANIMAL HEALTH

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