To whom it may concern

RE: POTENTIAL HAZARDS AND RISK ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED IMPORTATION OF SABLE ANTELOPE FROM ZAMBIA

The Department has been ordered by court to conduct an Import Risk Analysis on the proposed importation of sable antelope from Zambia.

In terms of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health code, Article 2.1.7 (link: http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&file=chapitre_12_1.htm), Risk Communication is "a multidimensional and iterative process (that) should begin at the start of the Risk Analysis Process". Risk Communication includes a process in which information and opinions regarding hazards and risks are gathered from potentially affected and interested parties during a risk analysis.

This is a call for information and opinions regarding hazards and risks with regards to the proposed importation of sable antelope from Zambia.

In this way, the Department wishes to open the Risk Analysis Process in terms of the said article.

Please submit your comments to SableRA@daff.gov.za by 14th March 17:00. Please note that any inputs received after the stipulated time will not be considered.

Kind regards,

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