

Re: Foot and mouth disease

As you all are probably aware by now, notification has been received that China issued a formal announcement banning the import of all cloven hooved animals and their products, with effect 2 April 2022.

This will include all wool already shipped and on route to China.

Undoubtedly this will lead to further auctions being delayed and other emergency measures being put in place to ensure the maintaining of our wool industry and market. Catalogue 28, which was set to sell on the 6th of April, has already been cancelled.

It has to be kept in mind that there is an existing protocol between South Africa and China, which was implemented after the 2019 FMD outbreak and maintained on our part since. The best-case scenario is that this existing protocol is still seen as sufficient by the Chinese authorities and enough to normalise the sale of South African wool to China. Communication between the South African wool industry and our Chinese counterparts is direct and is facilitated by a joint working group formed during the 2019 outbreak, however we have to keep in mind that the decision on allowing South African wool into China rests with the Chinese government.

Current information is that China is currently on public holiday and their quarantine department will take a further decision after the 5th of April 2022.

In a time like this the South African wool industry needs to stand together to find the best possible solution as quickly as possible and OVK will play its part in this process.

As always, we look after your best interest and we will keep you updated on developments. Please contact your OVK wool field official or the wool offices in Port Elizabeth for more information.

Best regards, the OVK Wool Marketing Team

Geagte Wol Produsent

Re: Bek-en-klouseer

Soos u almal teen hierdie tyd waarskynlik bewus is, is amptelike kennisgewing vanaf China ontvang dat die invoer van alle gesplete-hoef diere en hul produkte in China verbied is met ingang van 2 April 2022. Dit sluit in wol reeds verskeep en oppad na China.

Hierdie sal ongetwyfeld lei tot die uitstel van verdere veilings asook ander moontlike noodmaatreëls wat in werking gestel kan word ten einde ons wol industrie en mark te beskerm. Katalogus 28, wat op 6 April sou verkoop, is reeds gekanselleer.

Daar moet in gedagte gehou word dat daar 'n bestaande protokol in plek is tussen Suid-Afrika en China, wat implementeer is na die 2019 Bek-en-klouseer uitbraak en sederdien in stand gehou word aan die Suid-Afrikaanse kant. Die beste scenario is dat hierdie protokol steeds as voldoende gesien word deur die Chinese owerhede en genoegsaam is om die verkoop van wol aan China te normaliseer. Kommunikasie tussen die Suid-Afrikaanse wol industrie en ons Chinese eweknieë is direk en word fasiliteer deur 'n "joint working group" wat gevorm is na die 2019 uitbraak, dit moet

egter in gedagte gehou word dat besluite rakende die invoer van Suid-Afrikaanse wol, by die Chinese regering berus.

Huidiglik is China in 'n openbare vakansie tydperk en sal die Chinese regering se kwarantyn departement verdere besluite neem na die 5de April.

In 'n tyd soos hierdie moet die industrie saamstaan ten einde die beste moontlike oplossing so gou moontlik te verkry en OVK sal in die verband sy deel doen.

Soos altyd dra ons u beste belange op die hart en sal ons u op hoogte hou van verwickelinge. Kontak asb u OVK wol-beampte of die vesel kantore in Port Elizabeth vir verdere inligting.

Vriendelike groete, die OVK Wol Bemerkingspan.

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