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REPUBLIC of NAMIBIA

### Competent Authority

Directorate of Veterinary Services  
Department of Agriculture,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry,  
Namibia.

### Rights & Obligations of OIE Member Countries & OIE Delegates

- ▣ The Delegate is appointed by the OIE Member Country/Territory to:
- ▣ Attend the World Assembly of OIE Delegates, & OIE regional meetings on behalf of the Member Country,
- ▣ Represents & maintain permanent relations with the OIE on behalf of her/his of country,
- ▣ Head the Country Delegation on the World Assembly of OIE Delegates,
- ▣ Exercise the right to vote of the Member Country (if no arrears for more that 2 years),

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- ▣ Ensure that the resolutions of the World Assembly of Delegates are applied (bring it to attention of GRN, industries & stakeholders),
- ▣ Guarantee regular payment of Member Country's compulsory contribution to OIE,
- ▣ Notify the OIE of animal diseases present in the country in accordance with the Terrestrial Animal Health Code and Aquatic Animal Code,
- ▣ Ensure that national animal health legislation are based on OIE standards and guidelines,

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- ▣ Ensure that PVS evaluation and Gap analysis is requested and conducted,
- ▣ Ensure that Veterinary Services is updated on the OIE standards,
- ▣ Ensure that national veterinary laboratories diagnostic tests are in accordance with the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animal, & Manual of Diagnostic Tests for Aquatic Animals; & are aware of existing OIE Network of Reference Lab & Collaboration Centres for development of scientific and technical cooperation.

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- Designate National Focal Points to support in the following fields:
  1. Animal disease notification
  2. Wildlife disease,
  3. Aquatic animal diseases,
  4. Veterinary products,
  5. Animal production & food safety
  6. Animal welfare issues.
- National Focal Points also assist with annual declaration of disease/infection freedom report, and information /comments for responses to draft of OIE standards & guidelines.

## Involvement in International Trade of Animals & Animal Products and compliance with WTO SPS Agreements

- Namibia has got an FMD free zone without vaccination recognised by the OIE since 1997
- export meat and meat products to EU, Norway, Switzerland, RSA, Angola, etc (very soon USA, Russia and probably Israel)
- export animals (cattle, sheep and goats, game) to RSA, Angola
- involved in process of improving animal health in NCAs for eradication & declaration of freedom from FMD & CBPP (policy approved by cabinet).

## Challenges

- The main challenges is the insufficient time to attend to OIE matters and enquiries.

## Suggestions

- I would like to suggest that:
- Delegate should conduct regular meetings with the national focal points,
- OIE Sub-regional Representation to organize high level meeting to lobby for political support in compliance with OIE obligations and responsibilities of Member Countries.

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I thank you very much for your attention  
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