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Dear Inspectors

SUSPENSION OF MARKET ACCESS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF PURE HONEY FROM ZAMBIA TO SOUTH AFRICA

In accordance with Paragraph 1.2 of the import requirements for pure honey from Zambia to South Africa, the honey shall be sourced from apiaries situated in a country or zone free from *Paenibacillus larvae* (American foulbrood). *Paenibacillus larvae* is a disease of concern for South Africa.

Upon arrival of the consignment of pure honey from the farm Musonda Chitalu and Forest Fruite LTD Plot 34, Zambia, the consignment was inspected and an audit sample was drawn and sent to the diagnostic laboratory of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) for analysis.

The Directorate: Plant Health received the laboratory report from the Directorate Inspection Services: Plant Health Diagnostic Services confirming the detection and identity of *Paenibacillus larvae* on honey originating from the farm Musonda Chitalu and Forest Fruite LTD Plot 34.

Considering that *Paenibacillus larvae* was detected from pure honey imported from Zambia, all consignments of pure honey imported from Zambia shall be subjected to irradiation and all import permits will be withdrawn.

You are advised to contact DAFF office responsible for issuing permits so that new permits can be issued to you with irradiation as a requirement.

Your cooperation would be highly appreciated in this regard.

Kind regards,

Ms R. Mahlakoana
For **DIRECTOR: PLANT HEALTH**

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