



Livestock Identification Trust

Zimbabwe Cattle Traceability Scheme (ZCTS)

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Legal Instruments

- Animal Health Act (Chapter 19:01)
 - Administered by the Director of Veterinary Services
 - Veterinary brands are mandatory (dairy and stud herds exempted)
 - SI 35 of 2003 – Identification to Dip tank or farm of origin through branding or tagging
 - Brands and Tags are registered and approved by the Director of Veterinary Services

Legal Instruments (continued)

- Brands Act (Chapter 19.03)
 - Administered by Ministry of Home Affairs
 - Voluntary
 - Identification to an individual

Zimbabwe Cattle Traceability System – The Driver

EU Regulation 820/97 requiring

traceability to farm of origin for beef
trade in the EU resulted in:

- Stakeholder meetings late 1998 and
- Establishment of Livestock Identification
Trust in 1999

ZCTS - Trustees

- Dept of Livestock and Veterinary Services
- Zimbabwe Commercial Farmers Union
- Meat Exporters
- Auctioneers
- Zimbabwe Dairy Services Association
- Commercial Farmers Union
- Zimbabwe Farmers' Union
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Zimbabwe Association of Dairy Farmers
- Zimbabwe Herd Book

Zimbabwe Cattle Traceability Scheme

- Voluntary
- Launched September 1999
- Facilitate/support exports to EU
- Unique property ID (where cattle are kept)
- Unique animal ID (twin identification)

ZCTS: Procedure

- Register : Allocated ZCTS Reg No
- Purchase tags : \$2.30 per pair of tags

Tag Numbering System



ZCTS: Paper Trail

- Animal Entries
 - ZCTS Registration Number
 - Tag number
 - Date of birth, sex, breed type
 - Within 30 days of birth/ tagging
 - All events (death/stolen/transfer/sales)
 - Movements
 - Movement Permit
 - Signed Departures

ZCTS - Electronic Database

- All data captured, stored and maintained on BreedPlan®
 - Ability to rapidly provide movement details on an animal
 - Has been used to assist with proof of ownership, stock theft and stray animals

ZCTS: Uptake

- Up to August 2001 (before outbreak of FMD and cessation of exports):
 - 1,800 properties registered
 - 1,000,000 tags sold
- Currently – limited use – mainly for on-farm management

Current ZCTS Review

- Ways to better serve smallholder farmers
- New cost effective LITS technology
- Implementing framework that is accessible to all farmers
- Balanced financing mechanisms
- Promotion of LITS
- Satellite offices - improve producers' access to LITS