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RE: WATER RESTRICTION IN WESTERN CAPE

Dear Western Cape Abattoir Members

The Association sent a letter to the Department of Water and Sanitation, underlining that with the water restriction imposed by the Department it will not be possible to maintain any similar level of food production in this environment and such an intervention will lead to excessive job losses

The Department of Water and Sanitation responded and indicated that the Association's letter is too broad to deduce which agro-industries stand to be affected by the regulations applicable to agricultural / industrial curtailment on groundwater use, and requested feedback pertaining to:

- The name of the industry,
- Property description [SG code],
- Contact persons and contact details,
- Current sources of water supply [if urban please indicate the local town and municipality],
- Unrestricted water demand,
- Present day forced and locally applied restrictions,
- Level of authorisation on groundwater use - boreholes registered or licensed
- Borehole yields and annual volumes permitted for use.
- Moreover, indicate the monthly (February, March, April, May, ...) water requirement of each industry against the backcloth of the groundwater availability and the associated impact if the groundwater restrictions as per the government gazette remain unchanged and enforced.

We therefor request abattoirs to send through their comments directly to the Department of Water and Sanitation Roberts John (BVL) RobertsJ@dws.gov.za, as each abattoir operates differently. Please feel free to copy the Association in your response.

Attached please find:

- Government Gazette 41381
- RMAA Letter sent to the DG of the Department of Water & Sanitation
- Department of Water & Sanitation response to letter

Kindest Regards

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