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ADDENDUM: THE BOTSWANA MEAT COMMISSION (BMC) EFFECTS NEW CATTLE BUYING INITIATIVES AIMED AT ATTRACTING BETTER THROUGHPUT FOR THE YEAR 2025

On 04th February 2025, the Botswana Meat Commission (BMC) “The Commission” effected new cattle procurement initiatives - aimed at enhancing attraction of throughput to its abattoir-facilities in Lobatse and Maun.

The Commission committed then, that in rolling out these cattle attraction initiatives, it would nonetheless continue engaging with varied cattle suppliers and stakeholders, to achieve optimal alignment.

As a result of varied stakeholder engagement processes as well as encouraging trend of supply from farmers - the BMC herewith makes following adjustments, which are to effect immediately.

a. Contracting of EU eligible cattle

That contracting of **EU eligible** cattle is **only** for Sound Prime (SP) and Sound Super (SS), however the pre-requisite minimum number of 3,000 has been revised as per the following:

- Minimum pre-requisite number is 50 cattle per delivery for individual farmers
- Minimum pre-requisite contract number is 500 animals per annum for syndicates, clusters and cooperatives
- Minimum pre-requisite contract number is 1,000 cattle per annum for large-scale operations

b. Carcass Dressed Mass (CDM) Rates

- That all EU eligible cattle graded S1 will now be paid P41/kilogram
- That all EU eligible cattle graded S2 will now be paid P38/kilogram

That any other EU eligible cattle grades are thus maintained as is.

CARCASS GRADE(S) 180KGS & ABOVE	CDM RATE 04/02/25	CHANGE(S)
Sound Prime (SP)- Contracted	P48/CDM	No changes
Sound Super (SS)- Contracted	P46/CDM	No changes
Grade 1 (S1)	P38/CDM	P41/CDM
Grade 2 (S2)	P37/CDM	P38/CDM
Grade 3 (S3)	P33/CDM	No change
Note: Payments are to be made within 30 days after slaughter and as per contract		

c. Other Markets Cattle (Non-EU) from the green zones

That Lobatse abattoir will continue to receive Other Markets (OM) cattle from the green zones, once a week – and continue to pay transport costs from only designated collection points. Payments to farmers within this category is within 14 days after slaughter.

The Commission believes these revisions are necessary to continue encouraging an uninterrupted supply of beef cattle to the BMC, given the current favourable season.

The BMC as such commits to a continuous reviewing of cattle procurement initiatives, to seek sustainable alignment with beef cattle suppliers in Botswana.

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