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