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Report Name: Namibia Appears to Provide Slight Extension on Enforcement of New Requirements for Animal Products

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Report Highlights:

The Namibian Ministry of Agriculture appears to have granted an extension to consignments that were already prepared for departure to Namibia before the announcement of the Circular V15 of 2022 on December 7, 2022. The initial cutoff date of December 7, 2022 has been changed to December 31, 2022. All consignments that departed from the exporting countries from January 1, 2023, are expected to comply with all import requirements stated in the circular V15 of 2022.

Background

On December 6, 2022, The Namibian Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform issued a circular with new import and transshipment requirements for animals and animal products (beef, poultry, pork) into and through Namibia. The circular further stated that consignments destined to Namibia for importation or transit through, which departed the exporting country from December 7, 2022 onwards, would need to comply with the new regulation, or be denied entry (see GAIN report: [Namibia issues new requirements animal products transit](#)). Post received confirmation from the Namibian Veterinary Office that the circular is genuine. Furthermore, Post received a copy of the Veterinary Import Permit for Conveyance Intransit for Frozen and Raw Poultry Meat through contacts which revealed the means by which the new requirements are to be implemented. While the new import requirements appear to apply to all animal products, Post has not yet received a similar document for beef or pork products.

Post received a new circular (authenticity yet to be confirmed) published by the Namibian Ministry of Agriculture on January 24, 2023, that grants an extension to consignments that were already prepared for departure to Namibia before the announcement of Circular V15 of 2022 on 7th December 2022. The extension granted moved the cut-off date from the initial enforcement from December 7, 2022, to December 31, 2022. Post continues to engage with the Namibian authorities to understand the new requirements and prevent trade disruption. Significant volumes of U.S. product currently enter the Democratic Republic of Congo and Zambia through the Namibian port of Walvis Bay.

Attachments:

[NAMIBIA - CIRCULAR V15 of 2022.pdf](#)

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