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Lifting of the Ban on Importation of Agricultural and Animal Products from the Republic of South Africa.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) informs the general public that, following the notification issued on **19 December 2017** regarding the **outbreak of Listeriosis** in the Republic of South Africa, precautionary measures were taken to **suspend the importation of meat, dairy and milk products, fruits and vegetables** from South Africa.

This measure aimed to safeguard public health from *Listeria monocytogenes*, a bacterium known to cause serious illness particularly among high-risk groups such as **pregnant women, newborns, the elderly and immune-compromised individuals**.

After thorough verification and confirmation by relevant authorities that **South Africa is now free from Listeriosis**, the Ministry hereby announces that **the ban on the importation of agricultural and animal products from South Africa is officially lifted**.

MINAGRI appreciates the cooperation of all importers, traders and the general public during the implementation of this precautionary measure and urges continued compliance with national food safety standards to protect consumer health.

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