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GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION
FOOD SAFETY (ZSGAPAPFS)

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PREFACE

This Zimbabwe Code of Practice ZWS 1027:2017: Good agricultural practices (GAP) in the livestock sector in Zimbabwe, here after referred to as Zimbabwe Standard for Good Agricultural Practice for Animal Production Food Safety (ZSGAPAPFS), is based on various international, regional and local standards and will be reviewed on a regular basis, and if required be revised.

This code of practice was prepared by technical committee FD 001/SC17: Management Systems for Food Safety, under the general direction of Food and Agriculture Standards Council.

This code of practice makes reference to the following publications:

Good practices for the meat industry

Guidelines “Good Agricultural Practices for Family Agriculture,”

Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Farm Management Manual

Guide to good farming practices for animal production food safety

Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Jamaica, A guide to Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Livestock Production.

OIE-FAO Guide to good farming practices for animal production

OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code 2016

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GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICE FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION FOOD SAFETY (ZSGAPAPFS)

INTRODUCTION

Good agricultural practices (GAP) are Practices that address environmental, economic and social sustainability for on-farm processes and result in safe and quality food and non-food agricultural products. (FAO COAG 2003 GAP paper). In simple terms, GAP stands on four pillars (economic viability, environmental sustainability, social acceptability and food safety and quality). In recent years, the concept of GAP has evolved to address the concerns of different stakeholders about food production and security, food safety and quality, and the environmental sustainability of agriculture. These stakeholders include governments, food retailing industries, farmers and consumers who seek to meet specific objectives of food safety, food production, production efficiency, livelihood and environmental benefits. GAP offers means to help reach those objectives.

The objective of this intervention is to strengthen the capacity of our farmers by promoting the following:

- reduction in the contamination of foods at the primary production level, resulting in fewer foodborne related illnesses;
- improvement of safe food which will increase access to markets both locally and internationally;
- profitability for farmers;
- protection of the environment from pollution originating from the agricultural activity; and
- fair trade and sustainability.

1. SCOPE

This standard (ZGAPAPFS) shall address all those hazards whose control at farm level can have a beneficial or even decisive effect on the food safety of products of animal origin (including: milk and milk products, meat and meat products, eggs and egg products, honey and apiculture products). It shall apply to all types of farming systems and shall cover all livestock and animal products at farm level in Zimbabwe. It shall address the following: