

# QWASIE

## IMQAS MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN

### CHAIRMAN'S PEN

March/April 2015

#### Dear colleagues

We have a few 2015 challenges, mostly operational.

#### Payslips

The erratic and untrustworthy service delivered by the South African Post Office leaves us with the challenge of getting your original payslip to you before you actually receive your pay. This also means that you are not receiving this QWASIE. We will investigate the different methods to achieve this objective. Email and the internet are obvious solutions, but there are still instances where you require the original payslip. It appears that most of the documents that were mailed to you during the strike are still caught stuck in the postal system.

#### Meat classification

The minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries published new regulations regarding the classification and marking of meat intended for sale in the Republic of South Africa in the Government Gazette on 30 January 2015. The new regulations will come into effect six months after the publication. The previous regulations are being repealed. The main amendments are:

- The regulations now include a definition of a service provider: "means an independent organisation or entity that provides independent qualified persons performing meat classification services at abattoirs, and confirmed by the assignee to comply with the list of requirements in Table 6".
- A meat classifier is defined as: "independent qualified person means an individual, performing meat classification in the service of a service provider, who has been trained and thereafter successfully assessed by the assignee in meat classification in terms of the requirements of these regulations and who has no association, either directly or indirectly, with the abattoir concerned".

IMQAS will inform our meat classifiers in due course of all the changes that will have an impact on the work that you do.

Our biggest goal for 2015 is unbeatable service to our customers. Keep up the good work.

Gerrie Oberholzer  
Chairman



# REGIONAL GOSSIP

## NORTHERN CAPE



Congratulations to Busisiwe Jim and Sam Mangena who were promoted to Relief Officials for the Northern Cape Province.

## EASTERN CAPE / KZN



I visited KwaZulu Natal Region & Abattoirs recently and attended a Meeting in February with VPH. It also included the Abattoir Owners. It was mentioned their's a concern of the Standards of Meat Inspections by Meat Inspector's.

Make sure you know how to do your Meat Inspections properly. A Trainee Officer will visit the Abattoirs regularly to Evaluate your Standards of Meat Inspections. A new Version of the HAS Report is out. It was discussed at the Meeting. A copy of these new Reports will be send out to the Abattoirs.

The new Regulations regarding Meat Classifications is out. SAMIC is visiting the Abattoirs to explain the new Regulations. Make sure you have a copy of the Regulations.

## FREE STATE/GAU



Just an urgent reminder to all IMQAS personnel to plan and apply for their leave in advance for the year. We only have limited relief staff and the sooner we receive leave applications, the beter your chance of getting leave on the dates you choose. If the relief personnel is booked already you will have to pick a new date.

## NORTH WEST/GAU/MPML/LIMPOPO

1. I would like to urge all personnel to do their leave plans for 2015 and forward it to me as soon as possible, In order to ensure that relief can be arrange on time.
2. Please note that all change in personnel details: postal address/email/banking details should always be communicated in writing by either fax or email to myself at: jan@imqas.co.za or HR department: rego@imqas.co.za or christa@imqas.co.za
3. The Admin office fax line is 012 348 5117. All personnel responsible for sending attendance registers should do so before the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month.
4. All personnel should take note that I can be reached on my cell phone number ( 072 146 3243) for any work related matters any time of the day, including weekends if necessary/urgent.



## WESTERN CAPE

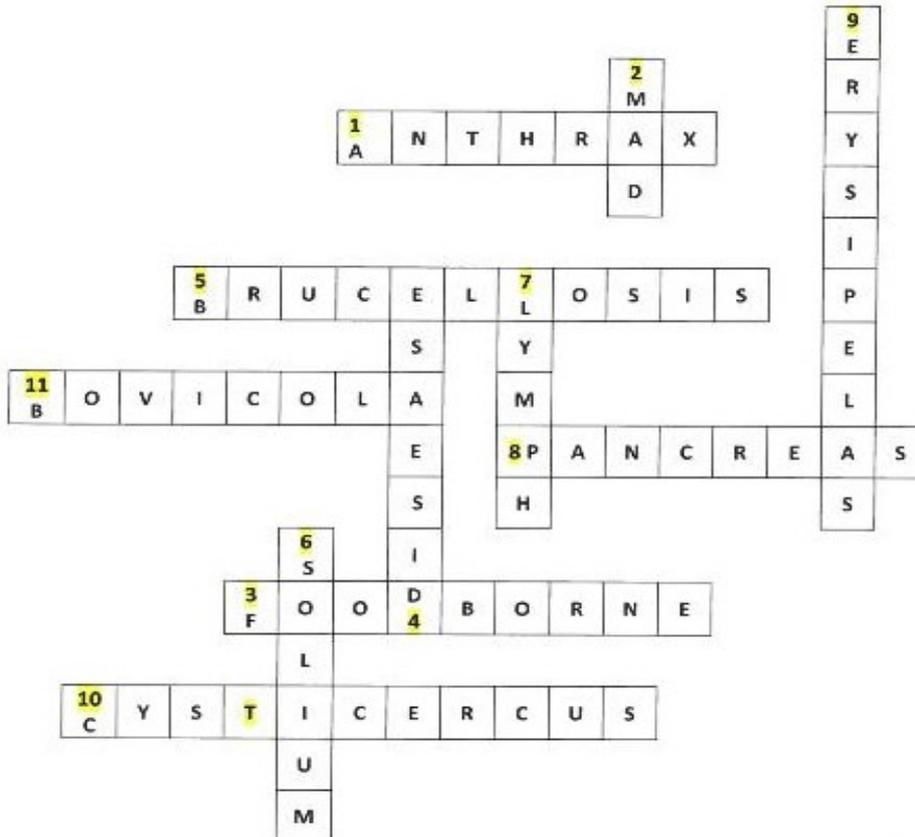


Please plan your annuel leave in advance and discuss with your Regional Manager due to the fact that only two releevers is available.

Success never comes to look for you while you wait around. You 've got to get up and work at it to make your dreams come true. "Poh Yu Khing".

# TRAINING

## CROSS WORD PUZZLE (answers)



1. **Anthrax** is caused by the bacterium bacillus Anthracis.
2. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy is known as **Mad** cow disease.
3. A **foodborne** illness is any disease caused by eating or drinking contaminated food.
4. Cross contamination is the spread of **disease** from one place to another.
5. **Brucellosis** is caused by the bacterium Brucella
6. Pork tapeworm Taenia **Solium**.
7. **Lymph** nodes are the filters of the lymphatic system, cleansing the lymph of any unwanted substances and therefore very good indicators of pathology during meat inspection
8. **Pancreas** produces insulin which regulates blood sugar levels.
9. **Erysipelas** this disease is often referred to as "Diamond skin Disease".
10. The metacestode stage of Taenia Saginata is **Cysticercus** bovis.
11. Parafilaria **bovicola** is a filarial parasitic roundworm that infects mainly cattle, and causes subcutaneous lesions that resemble bruising



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2	MR	D HARTLEY	HOPETOWN ABATTOIR	NC
3	MS	NT JIYA	GWK-DE AAR	NC
5	MS	MP MOSENUHI	CHAMDOR MEAT PACKERS	GAU
12	MR	PP MATLOU	MEDINA MEATS	MPML
13	MR	GM CLOETE	NAMLAM SPRINGBOK	NC
14	MR	OM MOSALA	PAKALANI-DE WETSDORP	OFS
15	MS	AC SCHEEPERS	ADMIN. OFFICE	GAU
15	MR	S GAVENI	COUNTRY MEAT	OFS
17	MR	ME RENOSTER	BRIGHT IDEAS	WC
18	MR	MP MALEKA	CHALMER BEEF	GAU
19	MR	DCJ STADHOUER	RTV ABATTOIR	GAU
21	MR	MPJ VAN ROOYEN	CHALMER BEEF	GAU
21	MS	SA MPONDO	UPINGTON ABATTOIR	NC

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