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Dear Member,

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE TRANSPORT OF WILD PIG MEAT

As you know, to be appointed as an authorized person for the issuing of transort permits for wild pig meat by the organisation, is of great benefit to the Game Industry. This benefit however places a big responsibility on you as i) a game ranch owner/manager, ii) a transporter of wild pig meat iii) and as well as us as an organisation. **Should this permit system be managed incorrectly, we, you as well as WRSA, as the affected parties will lose this benefit!**

A game rancher will only be appointed as an authorized person after completion of the necessary application forms, and with proof of being a paid up member of WRSA.

The privilege to be in possession of a permit book is a special concession made only to landowners. We may in accordance to our agreement with Veterinary Services, not issue any permit books to hunters or any other interested party. This privilege will however be retracted should an authorized person not keep to the prerequisites linked to the issuing of the permits, or if the authorized person does not submit/send duplicates of issued permits monthly to our office for processing. Please make sure that you post back the necessary forms to the correct address.
The ***new address*** is: **The Permit Controller, P.O. Box 23073, GEZINA, 0031**

We again give the prerequisites coupled to the issuing of these permits for the transport of wild pig meat:

- The onus rests on the game farmer to ensure that no other regulations of the Animal Diseases Act, (Act nr. 35 of 1984) are transgressed by the so-called “warthog permit” for example, any transport of wild pig meat out of a swine fever control area. You can be **criminally prosecuted** for any malpractice that may result in acting in an incorrect manner.

- The onus rests on the game farmer who issued the permit to ensure that carcasses that are transported are skinned, with its head, feet and lymph nodes are removed. Care needs to be taken to ensure that lymph glands in the neck, beneath the shoulder blade and those in the groin are removed.

- Each wild pig carcass should be accompanied by a separate permit, ie 1 pig, 1 permit.

- A maximum of three permits may be issued to a single person at a time. Ie 3 pigs per 1 person per day.

- The permit must be completed in full and all requested information must to be supplied. The permit should be signed with no particulars omitted. If not all information is required, the permit is considered invalid and the transporter could be criminally prosecuted.

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- An authorized person may only issue permits for the transport of wild pig meat that originates from the farm mentioned in the application.

- The duplicates of the **issued permits must be sent to the office before the 5th day of the following month for processing.** Should this not be done, the permit book of such an authorized person will be retracted without further notice.

- Should no permits be issued in a specific month, you only need to fax (012 3351059) or e-mail (permits@wrsa.co.za) the summary stating 'no issues'. This must be done even if no permits issued.

If in doubt – each and every permit in the book has the regulations on the reverse side. Please update yourselves regularily.

One of the most important prerequisites is the sending in of duplicates of the issued permits so that the total movement of wild pig meat in the country can be monitored, as well to have the ability to immediately determine the distribution of wild pig meat should there be an outbreak of swine fever.

The advantage of being able to legally transport wild pig meat from a swine fever control area is of such a magnitude that we cannot allow the conduct of individuals to ruin it. For this reason we have, after talks with Veterinary Services, decided that we will act strictly against any authorized person that does not comply with the permit issuing requirements and return of duplicate requirement.

In such a case, the permit book which the authorized person has in his possession will have to be sent back to the office without hesitation, and such a person will not be given the permission to be an authorized person for a further term. Put briefly, such a person will loose the legal privilege (as well as the economic benefit) to issue permits for wild pig meat originating from his farm/farms.

We thus rely on all our members to ensure that the permit system is managed correctly and conscientiously. It is such a big advantage for the industry that we will have to ensure that WRSA act strictly if an authorized person does not keep to the rules!

Our sincere thanks for your cooperation.

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