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(Established in terms of the Dairy Act 28/1968)



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**OPERATING AS ESWATINI DAIRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
TO PROVIDE DEVELOPMENTAL AND REGULATORY
SERVICES TO THE DAIRY INDUSTRY**

25th June 2020

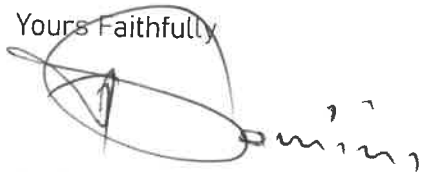
TO: ALL DAIRY INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

RE: SUSPENSION OF PROPOSED IMPORT LEVY REVIEW ON DAIRY PRODUCTS

1. Reference is made to the captioned matter herein.
2. We refer to the previous letter dated 26th February 2020, in which an import levy review was proposed on dairy and dairy related products.
3. Due to the continued uncertainty in the economic and public health environment across the world and in our country, the dairy sector as other sectors have dealt a major blow in business as most economic activities have been adversely affected.
4. The dairy industry on its own has unfortunately not been left unscathed by the devastating financial implications of this downturn, thus the Board has to assume its mandate and responsibility to ensure an enabling environment for all dairy industry stakeholders even during circumstances of this nature.
5. It is for this reason that the Board takes this opportunity to notify all stakeholders that the **proposed dairy import levy review scheduled for 01st July 2020 has been suspended until further notice.**
6. The Board however continues to urge importers to support the local dairy industry by making use of our local farmers and processors i.e. engaging them with specifics of their brands to produce and pack for them as opposed to importing products which can be sourced in the country thus developing the dairy industry.
7. We also encourage all stakeholders to support the **“Proudly Consume Locally Produced Dairy and Dairy Related Products”** campaign to promote industry growth and sustenance.

8. The board is committed to creating an enabling and investment attractive environment in order to uplift the economic position of the country.
9. The board wishes to encourage all dairy industry stakeholders and the entire nation to follow all the necessary precautionary and preventative measures to safeguard their health and safety and that of the public as they conduct business.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dlamini', written over a circular scribble.

Dr. T. M. Dlamini

(CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER)