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Saudi Arabia Lifts Bans on Livestock Imports from Six African Countries and Yemen 1999

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Report Highlights:

On May 24, 1999, the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture and Water lifted the ban on livestock imports from Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Djibouti and Yemen. The bans were imposed on or before January 1998 because of reports from the World Health Organization (WHO) citing the presence of Rift Valley Disease (RVD) in these countries. Prior to the ban, Somalia was the dominant supplier of sheep, camels, and goats to the Kingdom.

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SAUDI ARABIA LIFTS BAN ON LIVESTOCK IMPORTS FROM SIX AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND YEMEN

On May 24, 1999, the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture and Water (MAW) officially lifted the ban on imports of livestock from Somalia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Djibouti and Yemen. The bans were implemented on or before January 1998 because of reports from the World Health Organization (WHO), citing the presence of Rift Valley Disease (RVD) in these countries. Ministry officials said its decision was based on recent World Health Organization (WHO) reports declaring these countries free of the disease. In February 1999, the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture lifted the import ban on livestock from Eritrea. Livestock exports from these countries to Saudi Arabia consist mainly of sheep, camels, and goats.

Provided below are 1997 Saudi imports of live sheep, goats, and camels, based on Saudi Customs. Note that Somalia accounted for 39 percent of total sheep imports, 84 percent of total goat imports, and 96 percent of total camel imports in terms of number of head.

SAUDI LIVE SHEEP IMPORTS: CY 1997

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF HEAD	NET WEIGHT IN METRIC TONS	VALUE IN USD
SOMALIA	1,607,949	41,120	\$ 40,845,600
SUDAN	829,335	35,153	60,705,333
JORDAN	718,593	12,827	34,532,000
SYRIA	335,926	11,751	17,410,133
YEMEN	141,380	2,782	7,216,533
ERITREA	43,100	1,231	1,404,800
ETHIOPIA	14,678	392	496,000
DJIBOUTI	5,000	138	194,400
OTHER	419,502	16,838	31,044,801
TOTAL IMPORTS	4,115,463	122,232	\$193,849,600

SAUDI LIVE GOATS IMPORTS: CY 1997

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF HEAD	NET WEIGHT IN METRIC TONS	VALUE IN USD
SOMALIA	1,143,954	29,379	\$ 28,028,800
YEMEN	175,114	3,113	8,475,467
ERITREA	5,279	146	172,800
OTHER	37,021	172	239,200
TOTAL IMPORTS	1,361,368	32,810	\$ 36,916,267

SAUDI LIVE CAMELS IMPORTS: CY 1997

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF HEAD	NET WEIGHT IN METRIC TONS	VALUE IN USD
SOMALIA	60,477	12,169	\$ 12,607,467
ETHIOPIA	836	108	85,067
YEMEN	783	157	412,267
OTHER	759	211	246,666
TOTAL IMPORTS	62,855	12,645	\$ 13,351,467

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