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**Agri Inspec to watch over Namibia's borders**

Namibia's border posts will in future be watched by Agri Inspec. Agri Inspec recently signed a three-year contract with the Namibian Agronomic Board, Namib Mills and Namibia Dairies, Dr Hennie Kleynhans, manager of Agri Inspec, announced. Customs will be controlled at all border posts, but especially at Buitepos, Nakop, Ariamsvlei, Vioolsdrif, Noordoewer, Oshikango and Katimo Mulilo.

The contract entails control over the importation of grain and maize products; the control of vegetable and fruit imports; monitoring of *in transito* grain and maize meal loads to Angola; monitoring of import tariffs; and the declaration of volumes and values for milk and pasta products.

According to Kleynhans, Namibia's milk and pasta industries fall under so-called infant industry protection, which means that a 40% tariff is levied on all imports of pasta products, and 40% on imported UHT milk. Agri Inspec's officials will ensure that the levies and tariffs are paid and that the values and volumes are declared correctly.

"We have already identified several companies that are guilty of underdeclaration, and are working closely with Namibian customs to address the problems," said Kleynhans.

Agri Inspec also contracted private security companies to assist them with monitoring exit posts to Angola and Zambia, in order to ensure that all grain and maize meal products transported through Namibia to Angola, do leave the

country. Negotiations to extend the service to dairy products, are currently under way.

Negotiations to monitor certain Namibian products are also under way.

“The better the control on our neighbouring countries’ borders, the better we can protect our local industries against illegal imports and trade,” said Kleynhans.

\* Agri Inspec is an investigation agency that renders monitoring services to agricultural and corporate industries, mainly to put a stop to illegal imports, trade and other import irregularities.

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