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Agri Inspec counters illicit imports of hides and skins

The Milk Producers' Organisation's monitoring company, Agri Inspec, has uncovered various illegal activities regarding declarations of skins and hides destined to be exported from Namibia to South Africa between September and November this year. In a joint venture between Namibian customs officials and Agri Inspec, five illegal consignments were brought to justice.

Agri Inspec also provided training sessions to customs officials in order to equip them to distinguish between different categories of skins and hides. Exporters often use wrong tariff codes to exempt them from paying the correct export duties and levy payments.

These successes prove the value of cooperation between government institutions and the private sector, in an effort to maintain fair trade.

Agri Inspec Monitoring Services is mandated by several clients in South Africa and neighbouring countries to ensure fair trade on their behalf. It is the first and only private monitoring service that has established offices with trained personnel covering a full border time period at all the major ports of entry and exit.

This enables Agri Inspec to monitor all imports and exports to and from neighbouring countries in conjunction with government institutions.

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