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Potential Unauthorised Importation of Cattle into Mauritius

It has come to the knowledge of the Division of Veterinary Services (DVS) that a livestock vessel Apex LSS Success, reportedly carrying cattle from Mozambique, may be attempting to enter Mauritian waters after deviating from its declared route.

The DVS categorically states that **no veterinary import permit has been issued for the importation of cattle from Mozambique. Consequently, any attempt to import or land such livestock in Mauritius is illegal and will not be permitted.**

The introduction of unauthorised livestock poses a serious threat to animal health, public health, national biosecurity, and food security.

The Government has activated strict surveillance measures. The Mauritius Ports Authority, Mauritius Revenue Authority (Customs), National Coast Guard, and all relevant enforcement agencies have been instructed **to prevent the landing of any unauthorised livestock and to enforce the law without exception.**

Any person or entity attempting to import, land, or facilitate the unauthorised entry of livestock into Mauritius will face immediate enforcement action and prosecution under the relevant laws of the Republic of Mauritius.

The Government will take zero tolerance towards any action that threatens the country's biosecurity. The public will be kept informed of developments on the matter.

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