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**QUESTION 333**

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**333. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

(a) With which countries does the Republic currently have the bipartisan trade protocols that relate to (i) bovine and (ii) small ruminants semens and (b)(i) since what date was each specified protocol in place and (ii) what are the relevant details in each case? **NW344E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

(a)(i),(ii)(b)(i),(ii) Please refer to the table below.

| **No** | 1. **Country**
 | **Import/Export** | **(a)(i),(ii) Species** | **(b)(i) Date of inception** | **(b)(ii) Details** |
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| 1 | Australia | Import | Bovine | January 2013 | Trade is taking place. An updated veterinary health certificate was proposed to Australia for negotiation in February 2021.  |
| 2 | Australia | Import  | Ovine and caprine | 2009 | Trade is taking place. There are few applications (by importers) to import the commodity, therefore few permits are issued. |
| 3 | New Zealand | Import | Bovine | May 2007 | Trade is taking place. |
| 4 | New Zealand  | Import  | Ovine and caprine | January 2007 | Trade is taking place. There are few applications (by importers) to import the commodity, therefore few permits are issued. |
| 5 | Canada | Import | Bovine | January 2010 | Trade is taking place. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development is in the process of negotiating an updated veterinary health certificate. |
| 6 | Denmark | Import | Bovine | May 2015 | Trade is taking place |
| 7 | Finland | Import | Bovine | May 2016 | Trade is taking place |
| 8 | France | Import | Bovine | June 2015 | Trade is taking place |
| 9 | Hungary  | Import  | Bovine | December 2016 | Trade is taking place |
| 10 | Ireland | Import | Bovine  | November 2017 | Trade is taking place |
| 11 | Italy | Import  | Bovine | June 2014 | Trade is taking place |
| 12 | Namibia | Import  | Bovine | April 2014 | Trade is taking place |
| 13 | Norway | Import | Bovine | July 2019 | Trade is taking place |
| 14 | Netherlands | Import | Bovine | July 2014 | Trade is taking place |
| 15 | United Kingdom | Import | Bovine | April 2014 | Trade is taking place. The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development is in the process of negotiating an updated veterinary health certificate. |
| 16 | United States of America | Import | Bovine | 2010 | Trade taking is place. South Africa proposed an updated veterinary health certificate for negotiation in February 2021. |
| 17 | Brazil | Export | Caprine | August 2017 | In January 2019, South Africa experienced an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and lost its World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) recognised freedom. South Africa wrote to the Brazilian Veterinary Authority to renegotiate and was informed that the protocol had been updated and it was necessary to re-negotiate. The updated requirements contain conditions for Scrapie, which South Africa cannot meet. This protocol is no longer active and trade has been suspended. |