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

What are the further relevant details of the (a) red meat and (b)(i) small and (ii) large livestock exported from the Republic to the rest of the world in the past 10 years, including the tonnage and Rand value in exports to each country? **NW788E**

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

# South Africa (SA) has been exporting red meat from the Republic to the rest of the world for a number of years. Over the past 10 years, there has been a steady growth and increased average value of red meat exports in SA since the International Animal Health Organisation (OIE) declared the country free of Food-and-Mouth (FMD) disease in 2014. The declaration has given the country access to a number of export markets like Kuwait, United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Jordan from 2015 onwards. For the first time in history, SA became a net exporter of beef in 2016 by 1,7%. The estimated value of red meat exports showed an increase of 0,5%, from R 3 095 million in 2020 to R 3 110 million in 2021.

# (b)(i),(ii) Both small and large livestock has been exported to the international markets over previous years. The total number of small livestock exported was 102 337 in 2021, a significant decrease of 22,7% as compared to 135 579 of the previous year. The estimated value during 2021 decreased severely by 34,8%, from R 293 314 to R 191 184. This was due to the COVID-19 trade restrictions to other countries. The total number of large livestock exported was 47 829 in 2021, a significant increase of 30,4% as compared to 36 676 in 2020. The estimated value in 2021 increased by 11,7%, from R 315 680 to R 352 770. In 2020, SA ranked 15th position globally as beef exporter, which shows that the industry has a potential to grow exports to high-value markets. However, an effective red meat traceability system is required to improve South Africa’s credibility in the OIE and exports market.

## Table 1 below depicts the red meat exported in terms of Small and Large livestock in the previous ten (10) years. Information and analysis is not available for the years 2010 to 2014 but the statistics for the subsequent years are representative.

| **Year** | **Total Red Meat Exported** | | **b (i) Small livestock** | | **b (ii) Large livestock** | |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | ***Total in Kilograms*** | ***Rand value*** | ***Numbers exported*** | ***Rand value*** | ***Numbers exported*** | ***Rand value*** |
| **2015** | 50 014 922 | **R2 355 280 908** | 42 102 | **R56 324** | 201 454 | **R247 444** |
| **2016** | 50 673 733 | **R2 692 713 067** | 47 576 | **R57 454** | 41 677 | **R295 806** |
| **2017** | 43 667 944 | **R2 445 641 937** | 54 476 | **R71 462** | 51 983 | **R278 275** |
| **2018** | 41 004 154 | **R2 242 353 196** | 84 395 | **R84 347** | 29 758 | **R357 166** |
| **2019** | 35 004 979 | **R2 083 566 320** | 87 663 | **R178 032** | 22 955 | **R272 070** |
| **2020** | 48 272 941 | **R3 094 832 625** | 132 579 | **R293 314** | 36 676 | **R315 680** |
| **2021** | 44 680 026 | **R3 110 255 763** | 102 437 | **R191 184** | 47 829 | **R352 770** |

## The latter part of the question enquires about the countries which have received our exports. The major export destinations of red meat originating from SA during 2021 were Kuwait, UAE, Mozambique, Jordan and Lesotho, accounted for 13,2%, 12,2%, 9,8%, 8,3% and 4,6% respectively. During 2021, SA has exported 44 680 tons of the total quantity of red meat, a decrease of 7,4% as compared to 48 273 tons in 2020.

## Table 2 below depicts total red meat exports per Country of destination.

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| **Major Red Meat Export Countries of Destination** | **Information for the Years 2015 - 2021** | |
| ***Total Tonnage*** | ***Rand value*** |
| **Lesotho** | 32 334 100 | R902 453 503,00 |
| **Mozambique** | 44 925 609 | R1 911 825 982,00 |
| **Jordan** | 22 002 200 | R1 607 211 645,00 |
| **Kuwait** | 27 182 910 | R2 218 335 633,00 |
| **United Arab Emirates** | 22 729 620 | R1 774 132 627,00 |