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**LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT  
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## **MEMORANDUM ON THE OBJECTS OF THE LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT BILL, 1997**

Section 17 of the Livestock Improvement Act, 1977 (Act No. 25 of 1977), regulates the exportation of any animal, semen, ova or eggs and in particular prohibits the exportation of fertile ostriches and fertile ostrich eggs.

The principal objects of the Bill are—

- (a) to authorise producers of ostriches to export fertile ostriches and fertile ostrich eggs subject to the prescribed minimum standards and requirements;
- (b) to safeguard the genetic quality of export ostriches and export ostrich eggs; and
- (c) to authorise the exportation of other indigenous breeds subject to the prescribed minimum standards and requirements.

### **Interested parties consulted**

1. The South African Ostrich Producers Organisation
2. The South African Ostrich Breeders Association
3. Various ostrich marketing organisations
4. Numerous small producers of ostriches

In February 1997 a workshop involving all the stakeholders was held at Oudtshoorn.

In the opinion of the Department and the State Law Advisers this Bill should be dealt with in terms of section 75 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.