



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

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**TO UPDATE PARLIAMENT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATIONS ON ZAMBEEF
IMPORTED MEAT PRODUCTS**

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Mr. Speaker,

I wish to thank you for giving me the opportunity to update this House on the progress made so far on the investigations on Zambeef imported meat and meat products which were seized for further laboratory analysis. You may also wish to know that my Ministry has been monitoring the importation of fish into the country.

Mr. Speaker,

May I remind the house that the importation of meat and meat products are stipulated under the Public Health Act Cap 295 of the Laws of Zambia Meat, abattoir and butcheries regulations and the abattoir and transport of meat regulations and the food and drugs Act Cap. 303. However, the fish imports are dealt with under the Food and Drugs Act.

Mr. Speaker,

I must state here that the objective of the Public Health Laws is to prevent exposure to hazards that cause food borne illness or injury. In my previous address to this August House, I emphasized on the need and importance of safeguarding our communities through food safety and Environmental Health Risk Assessments.