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**Mrs H S Winkler (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:**

(1) Whether the sale of lion meat will be authorised under the new Meat Safety Act, Act 40 of 2000; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details; (2) whether the sale of meat from endangered species will be authorised under the specified Act; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

**623. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:**

(1) No. Schedule 1 of the Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000) (MSA) lists the species to which the MSA applies. Lion is not included in this list.

The Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD) is responsible for the mandate provided by the Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000) (MSA), namely to provide for measures to promote meat safety and the safety of animal products; to establish and maintain essential national standards in respect of abattoirs; to regulate the importation and exportation of meat; to establish meat safety schemes; and to provide for matters connected therewith.

- (2) The MSA applies only to animals listed under Schedule 1 of the MSA. If endangered species are to be included in Schedule 1 of the MSA, it would be for the purpose of ensuring that, if the meat of animals of these species is sold, the meat is safe for human or animal consumption.



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**MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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