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Namibia's Meatco Sets Benchmark with A+ Grade in Unannounced International Food Safety Audit

The Meat Corporation of Namibia (Meatco) is proud to announce that its Windhoek Abattoir has been awarded an A+ Grade following an unannounced audit conducted by the British Retail Consortium Global Standard (BRCGS) for Food Safety from 11–13 August 2025.

This outstanding achievement marks an improvement from the Factory's previous A Grade rating in 2024, demonstrating Meatco's continuous commitment to global best practices in food safety, quality, and compliance. The A+ distinction is the highest rating possible for an unannounced audit.

Although the audit identified eight minor non-conformances, each was promptly addressed through corrective and preventive measures, resulting in the successful closure of the audit report.

The BRC audit highlighted several key strengths at the Windhoek Factory, including:

- Strong leadership and commitment from Senior Management to a robust Food Safety and Quality Culture.
- A well-structured Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Plan reviewed quarterly and covering microbiological, chemical, physical, allergen, fraud, and radiological risks.
- An effective traceability system capable of tracking products both backward and forward within 3–4 hours.
- A comprehensive complaint handling and incident management system, with zero product recalls in the past 12 months.
- Verified compliance with food safety regulations from Namibia, the European Union, the United States Department of Agriculture, and South Africa.

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- Halal Certification and compliance with the Farm Assured Scheme.

Ambassador Albertus Aochamub, Interim Chief Executive Officer of Meatco, said:

“Achieving the A+ Grade is a clear demonstration of our relentless pursuit of excellence and our responsibility to deliver world-class beef that meets the highest global standards. This result reflects the dedication of our employees, the trust of our producers, and the confidence of our international partners. It reaffirms Meatco’s role as a custodian of Namibia’s reputation in global markets.”

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