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## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES & COOPERATIVES

### RE: VALIDATION OF THE LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION AND TRACEABILITY STRATEGY AND REGULATIONS

The Livestock Sector plays an important economic and socio-cultural role in Kenya, contributing about 42 per cent to the agricultural GDP and 12 per cent to the national GDP. It provides domestic requirements directly through meat, milk and eggs among others and indirectly through hides and skins, feather, and other livestock products. Accounting for about 30 per cent of the total marketed agricultural products, the Sector employs 50 per cent of the agricultural labour force with over 10 million Kenyans living in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) deriving their livelihood largely from livestock.

In order to support the Livestock Sector, the Ministry has developed the Livestock Identification and Traceability Strategy and Regulations to support enforcement of livestock movement; inadequate access to credit and insurance using animals as collateral; improved food safety surveillance; and improved access to opportunities in global trade with the existence of a functional animal traceability system. In this regard, after countywide stakeholder consultation, the Strategy and Regulations are ready for validation. **Members of the Public and Livestock Sector stakeholders are invited to provide feedback and register their participation at a validation meeting to be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at 10 AM. The Draft Livestock Identification and Traceability Strategy and Livestock Identification and Traceability Regulations are on the Ministry's website: <https://kilimo.go.ke/ministry-policies/>.**

For any clarifications, please call mobile number: **0737771244/0722864748**. Email correspondence should be addressed to the Principal Secretary, State Department for Livestock and sent to: [directorpolicysdl@kilimo.go.ke](mailto:directorpolicysdl@kilimo.go.ke) or hand delivered to Kilimo House 2<sup>nd</sup> floor room 13 by close of business **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**.

Register for the virtual meeting using this link: <https://bit.ly/3ntw6oy>

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