

2026

SAMIC Month Report

February

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Executive Summary

February has been a particularly active and productive month as we continued strengthening the relationships that underpin SAMIC's work. We are deeply appreciative of the ongoing engagement with our stakeholders and partners across government, industry management bodies and service providers. Through the open exchange of perspectives and planning for the year ahead, these collaborations continue to shape and strengthen our collective efforts. It is this network of committed partners that forms the foundation of SAMIC and enables us to serve the industry effectively.

Vaccination and biosecurity remain top of mind for national herd protection. Following the declaration of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) as a national disaster under the Disaster Management Act, biosecurity measures across South Africa's livestock auction facilities have required strengthening. Compliance with the APAC Biosecurity Rules, previously voluntary, has now been declared mandatory. As the designated auditor of biosecurity compliance within the livestock auction sector, SAMIC has been requested to implement and enforce biosecurity audits at auction facilities nationwide to support disease containment and protect the integrity of the livestock industry. This forms part of broader industry collaboration to strengthen disease prevention measures.

Operationally, SAMIC is making strong progress in its digitalisation programme, with inspectors scheduled to receive training on the new technology in the coming month. This development will enhance reporting, strengthen critical industry alerts and improve the efficiency of the services we provide to our customers and stakeholders.

Meat Classification standards were highlighted during this month's Service Provider meeting, where classifying and inspection service providers attended the annual feedback and alignment session at SAMIC. Key discussions focused on improving the correlation between heads and carcasses at abattoirs to strengthen classification traceability. A notable improvement highlighted was the enhanced quality and legibility of roller and stamp marking on carcasses.

Engagements with stakeholders in the wool, mohair, hides and skins industries also highlighted focus areas for SAMIC in 2026, particularly improving the quality of by-products, especially hides and skins originating from abattoirs.

This month also marked the start of the relocation and upgrade of the ClassiQuip ink mixing facility following municipal and Fire Chief approval. The new facility will incorporate state-of-the-art standards together with the necessary food and meat safety certifications and quality control measures.

As the year gains momentum, SAMIC remains well positioned to strengthen its services and offerings while continuing to support the industry through a challenging environment.

We wish you a productive month ahead.

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STANDARD CONTROL & QUALITY ASSURANCE February 2026 REPORT

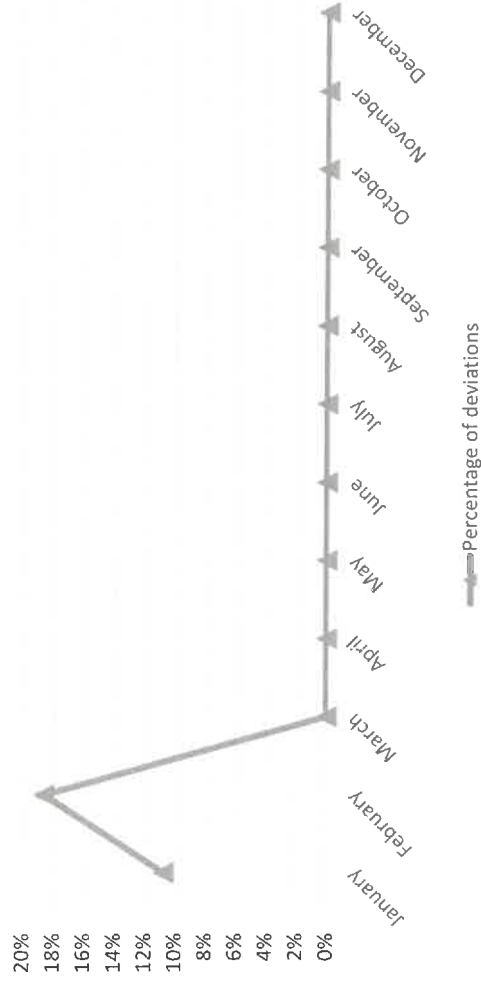
Inspector no	Legend	Name	Area	Document information from
1	TF	Tiaan Ferreira	Limpopo, Gauteng	Inspector1
2	MC	Marco Coetzee	Northern Cape, Free State	Inspector2
3	ADuT	Albertus du Toit	North West, Gauteng	Inspector3
4	PN	Patrick Neels	The Northern Cape	Inspector4
5	AR	Anthony Rahlaho	The Free State	Inspector5
6	SO	Selvan Odayan	KwaZulu-Natal	Inspector6
7	WJ	Wessel Jansen	The Eastern Cape	Inspector7
8	EG	Evan Gird	The Western Cape	Inspector8
9	WV	Willie Venter	Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Gauteng	Inspector9
13	DZ	Dirk Zandberg snr	Quality Indication Auditor	QIAuditor1
14	SvS	Steve van Schoor	Quality Indication Auditor	QIAuditor2
15	JJ	James Jeffries	Quality Indication Auditor	QIAuditor3
17	NvS	Natasha van Schoor	Quality Audits & Hides and Skins Nation	H&S Inspections
18	JM	Johan Maritz	National Manager	National

1. CO-ORDINATION VISITS AT ABATTOIRS

Co-Ordination visits at abattoir	Number											Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year		
Visits performed:	23	7	27	19	26	24	22	21	24	193	351		
Assessments done on													
Beef	14	4	19	2	15	14	14	14	11	107	196		
Sheep	5	4	11	14	16	5	14	13	7	89	156		
Pigs	5	0	8	0	5	8	3	5	6	40	73		
Instances where no assessments done due to no slaughtering of species													
Beef	5	1	3	6	6	1	7	3	4	36	75		
Sheep	9	2	8	3	9	5	7	4	3	50	105		
Pigs	5	0	5	1	3	4	6	3	2	29	59		

Total deviations at the abattoirs for the month		8	0	2	3	3	8	3	9	0	36	53
Total deviations at the abattoir to date for	2026	9	0	4	6	6	12	4	12	0	53	53
Total abattoir visits for the month		23	7	27	19	26	24	22	21	24	193	
Actual total abattoir visits for the year	2026	37	15	54	38	41	41	42	43	40	351	351
Total abattoir visits planned for the year	2026	252	80	270	190	210	240	210	220	240	1912	1912
Total % abattoir visits done for the year	2026	15%	19%	20%	20%	20%	17%	20%	20%	17%	18%	18%
Percentage testing below/ (above) expected		2%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-3%	0%	-3%	-3%	0%		

Percentage of deviations



3. ACTIVE NON-CLASSIFYING ABATTOIRS

Active registered abattoirs and species slaughtered	Number of classification abattoirs										Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year	Total for
Active registered abattoirs in month	13	2	14	2	7	12	30	16	38	134	134	
Beef	12	2	10	0	7	10	24	9	38	112	112	
Sheep	3	2	4	2	6	7	27	12	27	90	90	
Pigs	4	0	6	0	5	7	7	11	6	46	46	

4. ACTIVE CLASSIFICATION ABATTOIRS

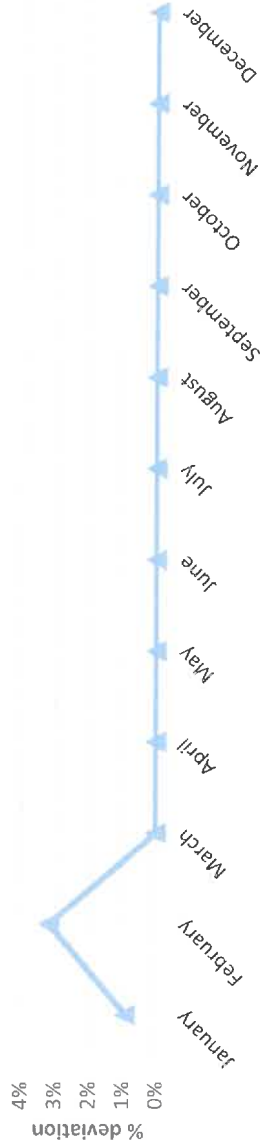
Active registered abattoirs and species slaughtered	Number of classification abattoirs										Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Month	Year	Total for
Active registered abattoirs in month	25	8	27	19	21	24	21	22	24	191	191	
Beef	22	5	22	10	17	16	20	17	21	150	150	
Sheep	15	6	19	17	20	10	20	19	17	143	143	
Pigs	12	2	14	2	7	12	9	9	15	82	82	

5. MEAT CLASSIFICATION DEVIATION - TRADE

In 297 visits performed there were 7 deviations from the regulations

Code	Deviations from regulations at trade	Number of deviations													Total for Month	Total for Year	
		TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	Svs	JJ				
Deviations at abattoir																	
1	Classified carcasses not roller-marked	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	No stamp of approval.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	No abattoir-identification code on Beef, Sheep or Pork.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Carcasses wrongly roller-marked.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Untidy - smudged roller-marks.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Deviations on fatness classification, conformation and damage codes.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	No measurement on pig carcasses.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Non registered abattoir/ classifier performing classification.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Teeth not marked on atlas bone.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Measurement position for pork classification incorrect.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Non-classification Abattoir performing/ referring to classification.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deviations at butchery																	
1	Imported meat not marked/ indicated. Regulation 21(2) and (5).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	Classified mutton sold as lamb. Regulation 22(1) and (2) for goat.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Unclassified sheep sold as lamb. Regulation 22(1) and (2) for goat.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Unaudited Quality Indications on meat- Free Range, Grass-Fed, Karoo, etc. Regulations 23(1),(2) and (3). Definition for "Quality Indication".	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Treated meat not correctly labelled. Regulation 21(7).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Meat treated with more than 10%. Regulation 21(7).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Prohibited and Restricted Particulars on meat (Super, Prime, Grade, etc.). Regulations 23(1) and (2).	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
8	Meat from other species sold as meat from cattle, sheep, goats and pigs. Regulation 23(4).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	The above-indicated deviations used in relation to advertisements, noticeboards and other means. Regulation 23(5).	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	Other	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total deviations at the trade for the month		0	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Total deviations at the trade to date for 2026		0	1	1	0	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	8
Total trade visits for the month		12	8	48	17	21	35	20	19	40	15	31	297				
Actual total trade visits for the year 2026		25	16	74	23	29	51	30	35	48	27	59	484				484
Total trade visits planned for the year 2026		250	100	250	125	0	250	200	250	250	120	0	2045				2045
Total % trade visits done for the year 2026		10%	16%	30%	18%	0%	20%	15%	14%	19%	23%	0%	24%				24%
Percentage testing below/ (above) expected		7%	1%	-13%	-2%	17%	-4%	2%	3%	-3%	-6%	17%	-7%				

% Trade deviations



6. DRESSING STANDARDS

Dressing Standards	Number of abattoirs outside the norm											Total for Year	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Total for Month	Total for Year		
Norm	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	5
Beef	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Sheep	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Pigs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

7. ASSESSING

Persons qualified in classification	Number of persons qualified											Total for Year	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Total for Month	Total for Year		
Beef	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sheep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Pigs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of persons tested during the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Number of persons currently in training	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Attended for classification	Number of persons attended refreshing											Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Total for Month	Total for Year	
Beef	5	0	0	0	1	3	1	3	0	13	20	
Sheep	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	3	0	11	19	
Pigs	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	7	

9. CARCASS COMPETITION

Carcass competitions evaluated	Number evaluated														Total for							
	Commercial farmers							Emergent farmers							Month	Year						
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV				
Beef	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Sheep	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6
Goat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pigs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total for the year	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6

Quality Marks	Number of audits performed														Total	Not complying	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	SvS	JJ	NvS	Total			
0	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Farm	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	Feedlot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Abattoir	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	De-boning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Trade/ Outlet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	5	36	6	2	29	13	10	17	54	114	200	0	495	0	10	

Hide and skin audits for export at abattoirs/ stores	Number of audits performed										Total for month	Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV			
Intermediate stores	0	0	3	1	1	3	1	3	1		13	16
Actual total abattoir store audits for the year	0	2	3	0	6	3	4	4	2		24	82
Total audits done for the month	0	2	6	1	7	6	5	7	3		37	
Total intermediate stores not comply for the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Total abattoir stores not comply for the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	2

Abattoir stores	Number of audits performed										Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV		
Actual total abattoir store audits for the year	0	5	20	7	7	16	8	10	9		82
Abattoir stores not interested for the year	0	1	11	0	0	11	11	0	3		37
Total abattoir stores visited for the year	0	6	31	7	7	27	19	10	12		119
Total abattoir audits planned for the year	70	18	68	42	54	54	100	68	118		592
Total % audits done for the year	0%	33%	46%	17%	13%	50%	19%	15%	10%		20%

Intermediate stores	Number of audits performed										Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV		
Actual total intermediate store audits for the year	0	1	3	1	1	3	1	4	2		16
Intermediate stores not interested for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total intermediate stores visited for the year	0	1	3	1	1	3	1	4	2		16
Total intermediate stores audits planned for the year	0	4	8	10	0	6	0	0	4		32
Total % audits done for the year	0%	25%	38%	10%	0%	50%	0%	0%	50%		50%

Intermediate stores and abattoirs registered for export	Number of audits performed										Total for Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV		
Intermediate stores registered	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Abattoir stores registered	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
Total registrations done for the month	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1
Total registrations done for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0		1

13. REGIONAL AND NATIONAL INSPECTIONS

Details	Number of audits performed												Total for Year	
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December		
National	0	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Total														17
Total planned														194
Percentage complete														9%

15. VISITS FOR SLAUGHTER FIGURES

Slaughter figure visits total	Number											Total for Year
	Meat classification											
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV			
Beef												
Number of visits performed for year	35	7	32	10	24	26	44	26	56	260		
Visits to perform	120	23	106	30	79	88	156	87	215	904		
Percentage visits performed	29%	30%	30%	33%	30%	30%	28%	30%	26%	29%		
Sheep												
Number of visits performed for year	20	7	22	19	26	17	47	31	42	231		
Visits to perform	63	26	73	59	84	58	168	105	159	795		
Percentage visits performed	32%	27%	30%	32%	31%	29%	28%	30%	26%	29%		
Pigs												
Number of visits performed for year	16	2	20	2	12	19	16	18	19	124		
Visits to perform	96	12	120	12	72	114	96	120	126	768		
Percentage visits performed	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	15%	15%	16%		

Slaughter figure visits classifying	Number											Total for Year
	Meat classification											
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV			
Beef												
Number of visits performed for year	24	5	22	10	17	16	20	17	21	152		
Visits to perform	72	15	66	30	51	48	60	51	63	456		
Percentage visits performed	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%		
Sheep												
Number of visits performed for year	17	5	19	17	20	10	20	19	17	144		
Visits to perform	51	18	57	51	60	30	60	57	51	435		
Percentage visits performed	33%	28%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%		
Pigs												
Number of visits performed for year	12	2	14	2	7	12	9	7	15	80		
Visits to perform	72	12	84	12	42	72	54	54	90	492		
Percentage visits performed	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	17%	13%	17%	16%		

Number										

Slaughter figure visits non classifying	Meat classification										Total for	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	Year	Year	
	Beef											
Number of visits performed for year	11	2	10	0	7	10	24	9	35		108	
Visits to perform	48	8	40	0	28	40	96	36	152		448	
Percentage visits performed	23%	25%	25%	0%	25%	25%	25%	25%	23%		24%	
	Sheep											
Number of visits performed for year	3	2	3	2	6	7	27	12	25		87	
Visits to perform	12	8	16	8	24	28	108	48	108		360	
Percentage visits performed	25%	25%	19%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	23%		24%	
	Pigs											
Number of visits performed for year	4	0	6	0	5	7	7	11	4		44	
Visits to perform	24	0	36	0	30	42	42	66	36		276	
Percentage visits performed	17%	0%	17%	0%	17%	17%	17%	17%	11%		16%	

16. AUCTIONS

Auction figures	Number of auctions													Total for Month/Year	
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	SvS	JJ	NvS		
	Auctions per month	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Auctions per year	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Not comply for year	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

17. BLNS AUDITS

BLNS audits	Number of BLNS													Total for Month/Year
	TF	MC	ADuT	PN	AR	SO	WJ	EG	WV	DZ	SvS	JJ	NvS	
	Audits per month	6	4	8	7	4	1	2	17	3	0	0	0	
Audits per year	12	8	17	14	8	2	4	34	5	0	0	0	0	104
Not comply for year	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
No audits for year	5	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	15

SUMMARY

Summary of audits conducted by the Regional Auditors / Inspectors during February 2026.

1. Amount of audits Classification Abattoirs :
193 Abattoirs were visited for the month.
36 deviations from the Regulations were documented. It was addressed and / or rectified.
2. Total Trade Visits
297 Meat traders were visited for the month.
7 deviations from the Regulations were noted as well as addressed and / or corrected.
3. Dressing Standards for the month
3 Deviation of the norm appeared on beef carcasses.
2 Deviations of the norm appeared on smallstock carcasses.
No deviations of the norm appeared on pork carcasses.
4. Assessing of Classification Students
0 Classification students were successfully assessed this month to independently classify beef at abattoirs.
0 Classification student was successfully assessed this month to independently classify smallstock at abattoirs.
0 Classification student was successfully assessed this month to independently classify pork at abattoirs.
5. Refreshing
Classifiers were refreshed this month for deviations above 6% in terms of the Standing Regulations. 13 in beef, 11 in smallstock and 5 in pork.
6. National Carcass Competitions
No commercial and no emergent farmer national carcass competition for beef was held during this month.
5 commercial and 1 emergent farmer national carcass competition for lamb was held during this month.
No commercial and no emergent farmer national carcass competition for goat was held during this month.
No commercial and no emergent farmer national carcass competitions for pork were held during this month.
7. Total amount of abattoirs participating in the Meat Classification System
191 abattoirs is currently participating, consisting of :
150 abattoirs that classifies beef.
143 abattoirs that classifies smallstock.
82 abattoirs that classifies pork.

8. Quality Indication Mark Auditing :
300 Quality indication mark audits were so far done for the year.
There are 30 different quality indication marks represented. Audits includes farms, abattoirs, deboning plants and meat traders.
2 Non-compliances from the spesific quality indication mark spesifications were noted.
9. Hides and Skins Audits for Export purposes
13 Intermediate hides and skins stores were audited this month for export purposes.
24 Abattoir stores were audited this month for export purposes.
10. Visits for slaughter figures
260 Beef stats were recorded in February, and a total of 345 audits have been recorded for the year to date.
231 Sheep stats were recorded in February, and a total of 334 have been recorded for the year to date.
124 Pigs were recorded in February, and a total of 527 have been recorded for the year to date.
11. Withdrawal of abattoir identification codes
1 Abattoirs' code to classify were withdrawn this month by SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture, Land Reform & Rural Development due to the non compliance of the Standing Regulations.
12. Warnings to Abattoirs
9 Abattoirs received warnings from SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture's Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance for lesser transgressiones of the Standing Regulations.
No Abattoir received a final warning from SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture's Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance for lesser transgressiones of the Standing Regulations.
13. Registration / Re-registration of Abattoirs
1 abattoirs were registered for the month of February to classify.
14. Trade Transgressions
0 Meat traders received warnings from SAMIC on behalf of the National Department of Agriculture's Directorate of Food Safety and Quality Assurance for among other things, incorrect labelling and imported meat which was not marked according to the Regulations.
15. Auctions
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16. BLNS
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17. Meat classification service

During February 2026 there was an escalation in the warnings issued for correlation numbers not attached or on the heads of beef and small stock. Regulation 6 (4) states that all carcasses that are slaughtered at a registered abattoir shall at all times, for the purpose of age classification, be identifiable with the head of such a carcass by attaching same numbered stickers to the carcass and corresponding head: Provided that in the case of the head the sticker shall consist of a label permanently attached to the head. In some instances, the synchronization was out and the carcasses and the heads did not correspond. At some abattoirs, the numbers were placed inside the mouth of lambs and sheep and could not be retrieved. The correlation system between the heads and carcasses is necessary for proper classification and we ask classifiers to also look at this aspect of classification.

18. Wool and Mohair

The market resumed on a positive note, with good quality certified combing types performing better than the market average, resulting in a good overall sales clearance of 94,1%. The all-merino indicator increased by 0,4% to close on R238,43 p/kg, whilst the certified indicator gained 1,5% to close on R247,23 p/kg