



# **LIVESTOCK WELFARE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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## **POSITION STATEMENT**

### **THE USE OF THE CALLICRATE BANDER TO CASTRATE ADULT BULLS**

It has come to our notice that this system of castrating grown bulls, that has its origins in the US, may be advocated for use in South Africa. We have obtained expert opinion both in the US and locally and have come to the conclusion that its use cannot be approved in view of the pain caused and associated risks. We can only accept castration that is not accompanied by anaesthesia in calves, and that adult bulls should not be castrated except as a surgical procedure under anaesthesia carried out by a veterinarian.

We therefore do not approve of the use of the Callicrate Bander in South Africa and urge that its use is not advertised, encouraged or published, except for the purpose of discouraging or preventing its use. Those who advocate, publicise or advertise the Callicrate Bander may render themselves liable to prosecution for encouraging the use of a method of castration in cattle that has been condemned by the Livestock Welfare Coordinating Committee, a broad-based organisation with representation from all the significant stakeholders in the Livestock Industry.

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