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**FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE MOVEMENT PROTOCOL FOR CLOVEN-HOOVED LIVE ANIMALS INTO AND  
WITHIN NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

**1. PREAMBLE**

- 1.1. Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) is a State Controlled animal disease under the Animal Diseases Act 35 of 1984 (Act). Section 8 of the Act empowers officers to perform specific duties such as inspection of animals, things (infectious items, contaminated things), and animal products for specific purposes, like preventing spread of diseases. It empowers the Director to implement control measures that ensure proper handling and movement of potentially diseased livestock and products.
- 1.2. The strategies that are used for the control of the current outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease include vaccination and movement control.

**2. LEGISLATIVE BASIS**

- 2.1. FMD control measures are prescribed in terms of Section 9 of the Act (Animal Diseases Regulations, No. R. 2026 of 26 September 1986, Table 2, as amended). Therefore, all statutory requirements applicable to controlled diseases, are applicable.
- 2.2. This circular must be read in conjunction with the **Approved FMD VPN of 2014** as well as the government gazette notice issued by the minister of Agriculture on **“Control Measures in relating to Controlled Diseases of Cloven-Hoofed Animals”**.

**3. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

- 3.1. The definition below applies of animals referred to in this circular are all cloven-hoofed livestock (cattle, goats, sheep, pigs and exotic cloven-hoofed species, including water buffalo and camels) and all cloven-hoofed game (families Suidae, Giraffidinae and Bovidae of the order Artiodactyla).
- 3.2. Animals from quarantined farms for FMD related control purposes intended for slaughter will be subjected to the protocol for approval for slaughter at abattoirs designated for such animals.
- 3.3. All other animals not under restriction for FMD control purposes intended for slaughter at non-FMD-designated abattoirs will be subject to this protocol.



#### **4. MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS FROM OTHER PROVINCES INTO THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

- 4.1. For all animals except buffalo, from other provinces, a written FMD inter-provincial approval must be obtained from Provincial Director of Veterinary Services / Animal Health in the province of origin. The directors at origin and in the North West Province must give their approval to the intended movement of animals.
  - 4.2. The North West Province Director of Veterinary Services may annually, in writing, delegate these duties to Deputy Directors.
  - 4.3. The inter-provincial movement application (Annexure 1) must be completed by the State Veterinarian at the province of origin and be recommended by the Director of Veterinary Services / Animal Health (or a designate) of the province of origin.
  - 4.4. The completed application must be submitted to the relevant designated Deputy Directors at destination in the North West. The North West Province Director of Veterinary Services will make a final decision on the application at least five (5) days prior to the intended animals movement date.
  - 4.5. Risk assessment, using available tools (e.g. FMD latest map for the province / district / state veterinary area of origin) will be conducted on every case. Equivalence consideration will be given to applications for consignments originating from farms of a similar disease status to destinations and for direct slaughter in the province.
  - 4.6. The outcome of the application will be communicated to the applicant (s) through the Provincial Director of Veterinary Services / Animal Health in the province of origin.
  - 4.7. The following documentation shall accompany all applications for movement of, and the consignments of animals into the North West:
    - 4.7.1. A list of indicate individual identification numbers for all animals being applied for.
    - 4.7.2. Stock removal certificates with registered brand mark of the owner of the animals. (This is requirement of the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act 57 of 1959).
    - 4.7.3. A veterinary declaration confirming the disease status of the farm of origin.
5. A Veterinary Movement Permit will be issued at the state veterinary office or origin for successful applications in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984), in addition to all documents under 4.7. above to accompany consignment.

#### **6. MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS WITHIN NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

- 6.1. A pre-approval movement notification (fully completed Animal Health and Origin Declaration by Responsible Person for Livestock Movement) must be submitted (electronic or manual) to the local state veterinary official (origin) by the farmer before movement of animals.



- 6.2. The state veterinary official at origin notifies (electronic or manual) the state veterinary official at destination, with the exception of notification of animal movements to auctions.
- 6.3. Risk assessment using available tools (quarantine status of the epidemiological unit) will be conducted on every case. Equivalence consideration will be given to notification for consignments originating from farms of a similar disease status to destinations and for direct slaughter within the province.
- 6.4. The outcome of the notification process (veterinary declaration confirming the disease status of the farm of origin) will be communicated (electronic or manual) to the farmer within 72 hours.
- 6.5. The following documentation shall accompany all notifications for movement of, and the consignments of animals within the North West:
- 6.5.1. A list of indicate individual identification numbers for all animals being applied for.
- 6.5.2. Stock removal certificates with registered brand mark of the owner of the animals. (This is requirement of the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act 57 of 1959).
- 6.6. All auctioneers are required to provide a program of auction dates to the state veterinarian responsible for the area in which they operate for at least 2 months to allow for planning and scheduling at the state veterinary office.
- 6.7. The state veterinary official attending the auction will check and if possible obtain copies (soft or physical) of all fully completed Animal Health and Origin Declaration by Responsible Person for Livestock Movement into the auction for the day.
- 6.8. After the Auction Biosecurity Officer declaration, the state veterinary official at the auction will issue a Veterinary Movement Permit for each animal consignment departing from the auction event.
- 7. GAME ANIMALS**
- 7.1. Movement of game animals other than buffalo will be subjected to NIPAS online system with the inclusion of a Veterinary permit that confirms the disease status of the farm of origin. However, for group harvesting of cloven-hoofed game, the inspection report of private veterinarians, who are already participating in movement of game, will be taken into consideration by the Director Veterinary Services when approving the movement.
- 7.2. The same form will be used when moving game into other provinces and when moving it within the North West province.
- 7.3. A risk assessment will be conducted on cloven hoofed game animals that are destined to move. In a similar manner a risk assessment will be conducted on domestic cloven-hoofed animals that intend to move to areas that are in proximity to game animals.



## 8. CONTACT DETAILS FOR APPLICATIONS

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## 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

9.1. A grace period of one (1) calendar month from date of signature after which these measures will remain in effect until vetoed by a higher authority or withdrawn by the office of the Director of Veterinary Services in the North West Province. Any changes will be communicated to all stakeholders through official channels.



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