



## **FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE MOVEMENT PROTOCOL FOR LIVE ANIMALS AND GAME INTO AND WITHIN NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

### **1. PREAMBLE**

- 1.1. Foot and Mouth Disease is a declared State Controlled animal disease under the Animal Diseases Act 35 of 1984 (Act). Section 8 of the Act empowers the officers to perform specific duties such as animals, things (infectious items, contaminated things), animal products for specific purpose, 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 involve vaccination and movement control.

### **2. LEGISLATIVE BASIS**

- 2.1. Foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) is a controlled animal disease as defined in section 1 of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act no. 35 of 1984) in that control measures have been 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 to FMD.
- 2.2. WOAH definition: Infected zone means a zone in which a disease has been diagnosed. For the purposes of the FMD chapter of the WOAH Terrestrial Code, an FMD infected zone is a zone that does not fulfil the requirements to qualify as an FMD free zone (Article 8.6.7).
- 2.3. The infected zones are clearly defined geographical areas within RSA in which FMD is present, and where vaccination of cattle is practised. Strict movement control of live animals and products is therefore applicable; and FMD surveillance is conducted.
- 2.4. The 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 relation 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 that are destined for slaughter from quarantined farms will be subjected to the approved "Early Slaughter" protocol for slaughter will follow the approved protocol for slaughter at FMD designated abattoirs. This protocol will also apply to animals that are intended for slaughter at non-designated abattoirs.

### **4. MOVEMENT REQUIREMENTS INTO THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE**

- 4.1. For all movements of live cloven-hoofed animals except buffalo, from other provinces, a written FMD interSV/interzonal approval must be obtained from the relevant PEO in the North West. If movement is between provinces both the PEO at origin and the PEO at destination have to give their approval.
- 4.2. The inter-provincial movement application must be completed by the State Veterinarian at the province of origin and be recommended by the Director of Veterinary Services of the province of origin.
- 4.3. The completed application must be submitted to the Director of Veterinary Services (North West) through the State Veterinarian at destination in the North West for final approval at least five (5) days prior to the movement of the animals.
- 4.4. A detailed risk assessment using the applicable tools will be conducted on every case taking into consideration the biosecurity of the premises at origin and at destination of particular movements. The outcome of the risk assessment (whether approved or not approved) will be communicated to the applicants once the application has been received and evaluated.
  - 4.4.1. The following documentation for consignments of animals that come into the North West shall accompany the movement application:
  - 4.4.2. All live cloven-hoofed animals must indicate individual identification numbers of all the animals that are being transported.
  - 4.4.3. Stock removal certificates with registered brand mark of the owner for the animals must accompany each consignment. (This is according to the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act 57 of 1959)).
  - 4.4.4. A veterinary declaration confirming the disease status of the farm of origin must accompany the consignment. Consignments of animals that confirm infected and vaccinated will only be permitted for direct slaughter.
  - 4.4.5. Due consideration will be given to consignments that originate from farms of a similar disease status when coming for direct slaughter into the province. Risk assessment will be

conducted when the disease statuses are different and when incoming consignments poses a risk of potentially spreading the disease to negative farms or to farms of particular biosecurity status.

5. A Veterinary Movement Permit will be issued to successful applications in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984).

## **6. GAME ANIMALS**

- 6.1. Movement of game animals other than buffalo will be subjected to the same protocol. However, for game, the view 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.
- 6.2. The same form will be used when moving game into other provinces and when moving it within the North West province.
- 6.3. A risk assessment will be conducted on cloven hooved game animals that are destined to move. In a similar manner a risk assessment will be conducted on domestic cloven hooved animals that intend to move to areas that are in proximity to game animals

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

- 7.1. A pre-approval movement application must be obtained before movement of cloven-hoofed animals commence. The movement application must be completed at State Veterinary area of origin by the State veterinarian responsible.
- 7.2. The application must be recommended by the Deputy Director (or a designated official) at the district of origin.
- 7.3. The completed application must be submitted to the Deputy Director of Veterinary Services) through the State Veterinarian at destination district for final approval at least five (5) days prior to the movement of the animals.
- 7.4. A detailed risk assessment using the applicable tools will be conducted on every case taking into consideration the biosecurity of the premises at origin and at destination of particular movements. The outcome of the risk assessment (whether approved or not approved) will be communicated to the applicants once the application has been received and evaluated.
- 7.5. The following documentation for consignments of animals that come into the North West shall accompany the movement application:
  - 7.5.1. All live cloven-hoofed animals must indicate individual identification numbers of all the animals that are being transported.
  - 7.5.2. Stock removal certificates with registered brand mark of the owner for the animals must accompany each consignment. (This is according to the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act 57 of 1959).
  - 7.5.3. A veterinary declaration confirming the disease status of the farm of origin must accompany the consignment.

7.5.4. Due consideration will be given to consignments that originate from farms of a similar disease status when coming for direct slaughter into the province. Risk assessment will be conducted when the disease statuses are different and when incoming consignments pose a risk of potentially spreading the disease to negative farms or to farms of particular biosecurity status.

7.5.5. A Veterinary Movement Permit will be issued to successful applications in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984).

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## **8. EFFECTIVE DATE**

8.1. This measure will remain in effect until vetoed or withdrawn by the office of the Director of North West Veterinary Services. Any changes will be communicated to all stakeholders through official channels.



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