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RETRACTION OF NORTH WEST FMD MOVEMENT PROTOCOL FOR CLOVEN-HOOVED ANIMALS AND GAME

1. The North West Department of Agriculture having noted that the FMD Movement Protocol for cloven-hoofed animals and game that have generally been received by the stakeholders and industry. It is also noted that there is general preparation by the end users and industry for the implementation of the protocol.
2. Whilst noting that the protocol originates from approved Veterinary Procedural Notices (VPN) and that there is acceptance of the principles of the VPN by other provinces of the country.
3. The Directorate would like to concede that the document got released prematurely in the North West to the end-users. It was in itself still in the process of being consulted and discussed within Veterinary Services and other government regulators with regard to practical aspects of its implementation.
4. We would like to resolve and declare the following:
 - 4.1. Retract the widely distributed North West FMD Movement Protocol document that would have sought to regulate internal movement of domestic cloven-hoofed animals and game until further notice whilst the process of finalizing it is being undertaken.
 - 4.2. Declare that in as far as movement protocols for movements of cloven hooved animals and game consignments to outside the North West to other provinces is concerned, their (other provinces') conditions of movement will be complied with by North West Veterinary Services.
 - 4.3. Movement of animals will continue as it was prescribed according to the Gazette 52868 of the 13th June 2025 as gazetted by the Minister of Agriculture.

5. We would like to sincerely apologize for the confusion and inconvenience it caused



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