



FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) MOVEMENT CONTROL PROTOCOL FOR THE MOVEMENT OF LIVE CLOVEN-HOOFED ANIMALS AND GAME INTO AND WITHIN GAUTENG PROVINCE

Issued by: Chief Director: Veterinary Services, Gauteng Province

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) is a highly contagious viral disease that affects cloven-hoofed animals and is economically significant. It is classified as a state-controlled animal disease in accordance with the Animal Diseases Act of 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984), with prescribed control measures in the Animal Diseases Regulations.
- 1.2 The provisions under the Act authorize the Gauteng Veterinary Services to restrict, permit, or prohibit animal movements, impose quarantines, conduct inspections, and institute enforcement actions where non-compliance is identified.
- 1.3 No live cloven-hoofed animals may move from FMD quarantined premises without written permission from the State Veterinarian and a Veterinary Red Cross Permit issued under this Act.
- 1.4 The framework is particularly focused on management of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) risk within the province. GDARD implements this framework to establish a Gauteng-specific system for regulating, approving, monitoring, and enforcing the movement of live cloven-hoofed animals within Gauteng Province and into Gauteng from other provinces.
- 1.5 This integrates statutory movement controls with compliance, enforcement, and corrective measures to prevent disease spread, protect disease-free holdings, and support provincial and national FMD control strategies.
- 1.6 Additional statutory authority is derived from the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act No. 57 of 1959) which governs lawful possession and stock removal, and the Animal Identification Act, 2002, which mandates permanent identification with a registered brandmark and



verifiable livestock identification such as ear tags. These instruments collectively support traceability and enforcement within Gauteng.

- 1.7 International standards, including the WOAHP Terrestrial Code, inform zoning, surveillance, and risk-based movement control, particularly in contexts where FMD infection or vaccination is present.
- 1.8 Animals originating from higher-risk areas are subject to stricter scrutiny and may be limited to direct slaughter or other controlled destinations such as feedlots.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS INTO GAUTENG

- 2.1 All inter-provincial movements of live cloven-hoofed animals into Gauteng require prior written authorization.
- 2.2 The GDARD Interprovincial animal movement application & approval Form must be fully completed by the applicant, technically assessed by the State Veterinarian at the place of origin and recommended by the Director of Veterinary Services of the province of origin before submission to Gauteng Veterinary Services for destination approval.
- 2.3 The inter-provincial application form must be submitted to the Director Animal Health in Gauteng through the State Veterinarian at destination at least five (5) working days prior to the intended movement of animals.
- 2.4 The animals must be clinically inspected at the place of origin by a veterinarian, authorized or Para-veterinarian officials, confirming no clinical signs of FMD and suitability to travel.
- 2.5 Applications for movement of animals from FMD infected and/ or FMD vaccinated farms/ locations will be considered only for direct slaughter at a designated abattoir from more than 14 days after Day 0/ clinical endpoint as determined by the responsible state Veterinarian.
- 2.6 Stringent biosecurity must be observed during all stages of movement e.g. washing and disinfecting vehicles between consignments.



- 2.7 Each application is evaluated through a documented epidemiological and biosecurity risk assessment considering zoning status, vaccination history, purpose of movement, and destination risk.
- 2.8 Approved consignments must travel under a valid veterinary movement permit / Veterinary Red cross permit and be accompanied by complete supporting documentation, including animal identification, Veterinary health attestation and stock removal certificates.
- 2.9 Only direct movement from origin to destination is allowed, no off-loading, mixing, or stopovers are permitted.
- 2.10 Applications must contain complete and ACCURATE information, submission of false, misleading, or incomplete information constitutes grounds for refusal, cancellation of permits, and enforcement action.
- 2.11 Applications may be approved, approved with conditions, or rejected based on epidemiological risk assessment outcomes.
- 2.12 Movement records must be retained for a minimum of 5 years at the origin and destination.

3. MOVEMENTS WITHIN GAUTENG PROVINCE

- 3.1 No movement of live cloven-hoofed animals within Gauteng may occur without prior written approval issued by Gauteng Veterinary Services.
- 3.2 Applications must be submitted through the State Veterinary area of origin at least **5 days** prior to movement and approved 24 hours before animals are loaded.
- 3.3 Approval must be granted in writing to the State Veterinarian at origin by the State Veterinarian at destination.
- 3.4 All intra-provincial movements are subject to, documentation verification, and risk assessment, regardless of destination purpose and may be subject to inspection.
- 3.5 Please return the completed form to vet.help@gauteng.gov.za



4. MOVEMENTS INVOLVING GAME ANIMALS

Movements of cloven-hoofed game species are subject to the same principles applied to domestic livestock, with additional consideration given to wildlife–livestock interface risks. Inputs from registered private veterinarians may inform the risk assessment, but final approval remains the responsibility of the provincial veterinary authority.

5. MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION FOR MOVEMENT

All consignments of live cloven-hoofed animals moving within or into Gauteng must be accompanied by:

- 5.1** GDARD Inter-Provincial Animal Movement Application & Approval Form (see attached template)
- 5.2** Veterinary Red Cross Permit (when required, e.g., from restricted or quarantined areas)
- 5.3** Ordinary Veterinary movement permit from low-risk areas
- 5.4** Stock Removal Certificate (Sections 6 & 8 – Stock Theft Act)
- 5.5** Proof of Animal Identification (Registered brand mark and/or individual IDs as per Animal Identification Act)
- 5.6** Where animals originate from FMD quarantined premises, additional documentation including a quarantine notice, confirmed Day 0 letter from the State Veterinarian, and, where relevant, national slaughter approval.

6. PERMIT APPLICATION, APPROVAL AND DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS

All inter-provincial and intra-provincial movements of live cloven-hoofed animals involving Gauteng must be preceded by a formal written application in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984. Applications must be submitted at least **five (5) working** days prior to the intended movement and are valid only for one farm or consignment and a limited period. Applications must be assessed at the point of origin by the State Veterinarian, with



endorsement or rejection recorded together with any proposed conditions. Final approval for movement into Gauteng requires written authorization by Gauteng Veterinary Services at destination. Incomplete documentation will not be approved. False information and documentation may lead to enforcement action.

7. DURATION, OVERSIGHT, AND REVIEW OF ANIMAL MOVEMENT PROTOCOL

This Gauteng Provincial Movement Control and Enforcement Framework remain in force until amended or withdrawn by the Chief Director of Veterinary Services: Gauteng Province.

Implementation is subject to ongoing epidemiological review, audit of permit issuance, practicality of application on the ground by field officials, critique and suggested improvements as received from the farmers and enforcement outcomes. Amendments will be communicated through official provincial channels and aligned with national FMD control directives and evolving disease risk.

8. CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure to comply with this protocol may result in refusal of entry to Gauteng, seizure or return of animals, criminal prosecution and administrative penalties.

9. CONCLUSION

This protocol ensures that all movements of live cloven-hoofed animals into and within Gauteng are lawful, traceable, and biosecure. Strict adherence to these requirements is essential to reduce the risk of Foot-and-Mouth Disease spread, thereby protecting provincial and national livestock industries.

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**Chief Director: Veterinary Services
Gauteng Province**

Date: 20 February 2026



APPLICATION FOR INTER-PROVINCIAL MOVEMENT OF LIVE CLOVEN-HOOFED ANIMALS

In terms of the Animal Diseases Act 35 Of 1984, (Act 35 of 1984)

1. APPLICATION DETAILS

Name and Surname:

ID Number:

Contact Number:

Email address:

Physical Address:

2. MOVEMENT DETAILS

	FROM-Origin	TO-Destination
Facility/Farm/Diptank name		
Address:		
GPS Coordinates	S	S
	E	E
Local Municipality		
District Municipality		
Vehicle Registration Number		

Purpose of Movement:

Expected Date of Movement:



3. CONSIGNMENT DETAILS

Species	Sheep	Goats	Cattle	Pigs	Game	Other (Specify)
Number of animals						
Registered Brandmark						

Tag Numbers: (Alternatively Attach a list of animals with same detail)

M/F (Male/Female)

Animal TAG Number	M/F	Animal Tag/ Number	M/F	Animal Tag Number	M/F

By appending my signature hereto, I-

- a. declare that what I have stated or provided in this application is correct at the time the application is made.
- b. understand that any false or misleading information provided may lead to my prosecution and/or rejection of my application.
- c. realize that if in the opinion of the Department I am willfully providing false or misleading information this may be taken into consideration when considering future applications.
- d. The permit is not transferable and cannot be used by any other person except the person specified on the permit for the animals/ animal products specified in the permit.

I have attached the required supporting documentation for the processing of this application.

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Signature of applicant

Date



4. APPLICATION AT ORIGIN

	Initials and Surname	Signature	Email	Date
SV				
PEO/Director				
SUPPORTED / NOT SUPPORTED				
Conditions:				

5. Approval at destination

	Initials and Surname	Signature	Email	Date
SV				
PEO/Director				
APPROVED / NOT APPROVED				
Conditions:				

6. DISTRIBUTION OF APPROVAL

Please return approved application form to:

	Initials and surname	Email	Cell number
To origin			
To destination			



7. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO ACCOMPANY THIS FORM:

- 7.1 Proof of Animal Identification (Registered brand mark)
- 7.2 ID numbers of animals to be moved.
- 7.3 Health attestation certificate
- 7.4 If animals are from FMD quarantined areas to feedlots / relocation
 - 7.4.1 Copy of Quarantine notice
 - 7.4.2 Day 0 confirmation letter from the State Veterinarian
 - 7.4.3** In case of slaughter, all abovementioned documents and the slaughter approval from the National Department of Agriculture (please attach all documents)

8. IMPORTANT NOTICE

- 8.1 Please complete this form fully, in PRINT, prior to the return thereof.
- 8.2 Applications for a movement permit must be made at least five (5) working days prior to the intended animal movement
- 8.3 Movement permits/approvals are intended for a limited period and one consignment only.
- 8.4 No approval will be granted without the correct and complete information being provided as required, together with all the supporting documents.
- 8.5 After completion, please return the completed form to vet.help@gauteng.gov.za
- 8.6 All consignments of live cloven-hoofed animals moving within or into Gauteng must be accompanied by normal veterinary movement permit or Veterinary Red Cross Permit and all documents mentioned in point 7 above.