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**VETERINARY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION NO. 11 of 2021**

**PARTIAL LIFTING OF MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS IN THE ZAMBEZI REGION**

The Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) in the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform would like to inform farmers and the General Public about the partial lifting of restrictions on movement of cloven-hoofed animals and animal products in the Zambezi region which were imposed after detecting Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in cattle in May 2021. Two (2) rounds of cattle vaccination have so far been completed in the region with FMD serotype 0 and SAT 1, 2 & 3 vaccines achieving a vaccination coverage of over 80%. This resulted in the suppression of the infection hence the last confirmed case was reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 in Old Lusesse, Kabbe North constituency and in line with the Animal Health Act, 1 of 2011, the outbreak can only be declared over three (3) months after the last confirmed case.

Since the infection is still in the eastern part of the region, the new **Disease Management Area (DMA)** is therefore Kabbe South, Kabbe North, and Katima rural constituencies and the following measures are still in place:

1. Movement restrictions on all cloven hoofed animals and animal products from the **DMA** to the rest of the region will still be in place.
2. A number of roadblocks and patrol teams are strategically placed and members of the public are urged to cooperate with the Veterinary and Police Officials fully.
3. Re-vaccination of all cattle in the region will continue and **ALL** farmers are strongly urged to bring their cattle for vaccination to the designated crushpens as per announcement by DVS officials.

**The following are allowed:**

1. Movement of all cloven-hoofed animals among the three (3) constituencies in the DMA is allowed but not to the rest of the region,
2. Slaughtering of fully vaccinated cloven-hoofed animals for own consumption within the DMA.
3. Slaughtering of cloven-hoofed animals and fully vaccinated cattle from outside the DMA at open markets, local and export abattoirs provided they are issued with movement permits after establishing their vaccination status at DVS offices,
4. Quarantining of fully vaccinated cattle originating outside the DMA into Kopano quarantine,
5. Movement of fully vaccinated cattle from the rest of the region into the DMA,
6. Movement of cloven- hoofed animals from other regions into Zambezi region.
7. In transit movement of animals in sealed trucks from other regions.
8. Movement of other commodities such as hides, skins, game trophies, plant materials in, out, within and through the rest of the Zambezi region (in exception of the DMA), provided that appropriate procedures have been followed.
9. Movement of products such as raw meat, raw milk and livestock feed are allowed into the entire region.

**FMD clinical signs include:** Salivation, not grazing, limping, reluctance to move, fever, blisters and ulcers on the tongue, gum and on the feet/hooves.

Farmers and the General public are hereby once again requested to report to the relevant authorities any suspicious cases of FMD as well as suspected illegal movement of animals and their products as prohibited in this public notification.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform would like to thank Farmers and the General Public for their cooperation and support during this outbreak.

