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

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform through the Directorate of Veterinary Services would like to inform farmers and the General Public about the partial lifting of restrictions on movement of cloven-hoofed animals and their products in the region which were imposed after detecting FMD outbreak in cattle at Kalala on 07 October 2026. Active disease surveillance within the 30km radius from the infected place indicated that the disease has not spread out of Kalala Island. Additionally, two (2) rounds of cattle vaccination have so far been completed on the island with FMD serotype 0 and FMD SAT 1, 2 & 3 vaccines and a total of 53 479 cattle has been vaccinated achieving a vaccination coverage of over 95% of the targeted cattle population (56 269 cattle). To date the infection is still confined to one (1) herd on Kalala Island.

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

1. Movement restrictions of all cloven-hoofed animals and their products from the **DMA** to the rest of the region is still be in place.
2. Slaughtering of fully vaccinated cattle for own consumption and social events within the DMA is allowed. However, no meat will be allowed to leave the DMA.
3. 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.
4. 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 in the rest of the region:

1. 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 veterinary movement permits after establishing their vaccination status,
2. Quarantining of Fully vaccinated cattle originating outside the DMA into Kopano quarantine,
3. Movement of fully vaccinated cattle from the rest of the region into the DMA,
4. Movement of cloven- hoofed animals from other regions into Zambezi region, this excludes movement into the DMA.
5. In transit of animals in sealed trucks from other regions.
6. 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.
7. Movement of products such as raw meat, raw milk and livestock feed are allowed into the entire region (except products originating from /Karas region).

FMD clinical signs include: Salivation, 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 their nearest veterinary offices 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, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform through the Directorate of Veterinary Services would like to thank farmers and the general public for their cooperation and support during this outbreak.

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