



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY

Directorate of Veterinary Services

Tel: +(264- 61) 208 7475

P/Bag 12022

Fax: +(264-61) 208 7779

Windhoek, NAMIBIA

E-mail: masekea@mawf.gov.na

Ref: V13/6/4/P

Circular V10/2011

08 July 2011

Enquiries: Dr A Maseke

TO: All Chief Veterinarians
All State Veterinarians
All Control Animal Health Technicians
All Chief Animal Health Technicians
All Food Business Operators
All Farmers

Subject: Forty Day Residency

Forty day residency of cattle and sheep is a requirement for the eventual export of fresh or chilled beef and mutton to the European Union (EU) The purpose of the Circular is to prescribe, how role players in the livestock sector can ensure this condition.

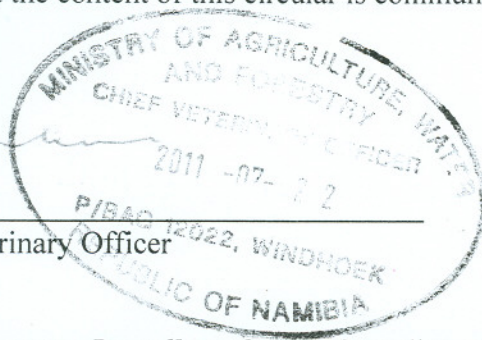
1. As of 1 August 2011 the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) will introduce a declaration form (attached as Addendum) for completion by all livestock keepers intending to slaughter cattle and sheep for the EU market.

2. In terms of the declaration, livestock keepers must ensure that such animals were born in Namibia south of the Veterinary Cordon Fence (VCF) or if introduced from elsewhere were resident in the area south of the VCF for a continuous period of at least 90 days.
3. In addition, individual cattle and the sheep the flock must have been resident on the holding for a continuous period of at least 40 days before departure to the EU approved slaughter house. The 40 day period in case of sheep, starts from the last date of arrival of either cattle or sheep onto the holding
4. The completed declaration with the fully endorsed livestock movement permit and departure register in case of cattle must accompany the animals to the slaughterhouse.
5. As from 1 October 2011, the Food Business Operator (FBO) must, upon receipt of the consignment interrogate the Nam LITS database to verify the 90 and 40 day residency requirement before accepting the animals for slaughter to the EU.
6. The owner of the holding should ensure that all livestock on the holding are registered on the NamLITS database, properly identified with approved identification marks and that all livestock movements to the holding are reconciled.
7. Livestock that have met the 40 day residence requirement on the last holding can be transported directly to the EU approved slaughterhouse or through an approved animal gathering.
8. State Veterinarians and Animal Health Technicians are required to verify compliance to the conditions outlined above.

Kindly ensure that the content of this circular is communicated to all stakeholders.



Acting Chief Veterinary Officer



The last V9/2011 was on *Brucella melitensis* Sampling Protocol and Maintenance of Free Status and was distributed to all stakeholders

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT DECLARATION

I.....
declare that, I am the owner or the person responsible for the husbandry of the
cattle/sheep in this consignment. I declare that the;

- cattle/sheep in this consignment were born and raised in the EU-approved FMD-free zone of Namibia and thus have remained for their whole life in this area (the area south of the veterinary cordon fence).
- cattle/sheep in this consignment have remained for at least 40 days at the holding above, from which they are being directly moved to the abattoir

I declare that this information is true and correct and also declare that I have read and understood this declaration.

.....

Date

.....

Signature