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COMPULSORY VACCINATION AGAINST FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) IN THE KARASBURG STATE VETERINARY DISTRICT, //KHARAS REGION IN TERMS OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH ACT (ACT NO 1 OF 2011) AND ANIMAL HEALTH REGULATIONS.

The Directorate of Veterinary Services hereby wishes to inform farmers and the general public of the compulsory vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease as a control measures to be carried out in the Karasburg State Veterinary District in //Kharas region.

Under Section 19 of the **Animal Health Act (Act No. 1 of 2011)**, read in conjunction with **Regulation 83 and 85 of the Animal Health Regulations** (Government Notice No. 358 of 2018), I the undersigned Chief Veterinary Officer, hereby give notice to all livestock owners, managers, agents and the general public of this compulsory vaccination measure.

1. Compulsory Vaccination Directive

Every owner, agent, or person in charge of cloven-hoofed animals (including cattle, sheep, goats, and pigs) within the designated areas in Karasburg Veterinary District must present such animals for compulsory vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) at the designated areas, dates, and times specified by the district State Veterinarian.

This requirement is in line with Regulation 85 (e) (iii), where veterinary official may put up measures requiring the owners to present their animals for the control or prevention of foot and mouth disease, including vaccination of cloven-hoofed animals.

2. Period of Vaccination

The vaccination campaign will commence on 14 October 2026. The compulsory vaccination campaign will consist of three rounds to be concluded within a period of three months, unless extended by notice from the Chief Veterinary Officer. All specified cloven-hoofed animals must be presented at each vaccination round.

3. Duties of Owners and Persons in Charge

- a. **Presentation of Animals:** All owners must round up and present 100% of their cloven-hoofed livestock for vaccination.

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- b. **Assistance:** Owners are required to ensure that suitable handling facilities (crush-pens) and necessary labour are available to assist veterinary officials during the administration of the vaccine.
- c. **Prohibition of Private Vaccines:** Under the Act, private importation, possession, or independent administration of FMD vaccines within the FMD-free zone is strictly prohibited. Only state-supplied vaccines administered by authorised veterinary officials will be allowed.

4. Vaccination Areas

- A band of two farms/establishments north of the B3 road from Ariamsvlei to Grunau and all farms/establishments south of the B3 road up until the Orange River.
- A band of two farms/establishments north of the B1-C10 road and all farms/establishments south of the C10 road up until the Orange River

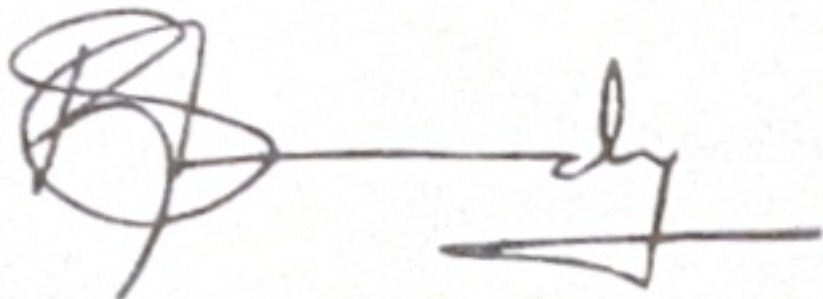
This directive applies strictly to all farms/ establishments situated south of the B3 and the C10 road leading to Ai-Ais.

Vaccination protocols for establishments located north of these arterial roads are subject to revision in accordance with the ongoing risk assessment, and schedules may be amended as the epidemiological situation unfolds.

5. Offences and Penalties

All livestock owners are hereby encouraged to comply with this directive and present all their animals for the compulsory vaccination against FMD. The Animal Health Act (Act No 1 of 2011) prescribes specific penalties for non-compliance which can be avoided.

Therefore, farmers, members of the public, and stakeholders are urged to continue cooperating with relevant authorities and to be on the lookout for clinical signs of FMD and report to the nearest State Veterinary Office.



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