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MOVEMENT OF CLOVEN-HOOFED DRIED MEAT INTO THE FOOT AND MOUTH FREE ZONE FROM AREAS THAT ARE NOT OFFICIALLY FREE FROM FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

(Issued in terms of the Animal Health Act, 2011)

The Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) hereby informs the general public that movement of dried meat of cloven-hoofed animals (e.g. cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, some wild animals) into the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) free zone is allowed, without a veterinary permit, provided that all portions of the meat is **cooked** and **free of blood**. It is advised **to boil the meat**. However, raw meat that is not produced under Commodity Based Trade (CBT) is not allowed since the FMD virus survives in animals' tissues, including lymph nodes and bone marrow and after freezing.

To facilitate market access especially to regional and international markets, FMD is one of the diseases for which the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) has a procedure for official recognition of disease-free areas within a country or at national level, that necessitated the presence of the infrastructure/barriers such as Veterinary Fences, veterinary gates, designated entry and exit points.

The public is also urged to familiarize themselves about animals and animal products or things that may and that may not be brought or moved into the FMD free zone, that is available at all state veterinary offices, veterinary gates and designated entry/exit points.

- The FMD free zone is maintained in compliance with WOAH Terrestrial Code.

Raw meat of cloven-hoofed animals from export approved abattoirs is allowed into the FMD free zone, provided that it meets the conditions of CBT, and a **veterinary health certificate** accompany the meat, confirming compliance with WOAH Terrestrial Animal Health Code. Non-cloven-hoofed animals (e.g. chicken, donkeys, horses, fish and their products) may move into the FMD Free zone. Plants and plant products may also move into the FMD Free zone, provided they are free from cloven hooved animals' manure. Unregistered cloven-hoofed animal feeds may only move into the FMD free zone with a veterinary permit.

This notification is read together with Veterinary Public notifications no 15 and 18 of 2025 respectively.

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