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**Movement restrictions for cloven-hoofed animals – Kouga and**  
**Kou-Kamma Municipalities**

**To whom it may concern**

An outbreak of foot and mouth disease ( FMD ) has been diagnosed in the Kouga Municipality . The National Director of Animal Health hereby states in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No.35 of 1984), read with Regulation 26. of the Animal Diseases Regulations ( as amended ) control measures relating to FMD , including restrictions on the movement of cloven-hoofed animals INTO, WITHIN, THROUGH and OUT OF the Kouga and Kou-Kamma Municipalities.

No person shall , except under the authority of a permit issued by the responsible State Veterinarian and otherwise than in accordance with the conditions specified in such permit , move any cloven-hoofed animals INTO, WITHIN, THROUGH and OUT OF the Kouga Municipality.

The stipulations below do not in any way reduce any of the existing movement requirements throughout the declared FMD Control Zones, Corridor disease and African Swine Fever controlled areas as prescribed in the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984) and Veterinary Procedural Notice (VPN) for FMD Control in South Africa.

All livestock must bear the owners official identification mark as per the Animal Identification Act (Act No. 06 of 2002) before movement can be permitted.

Reminder of the CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE as notified by Minister of Agriculture , Land Reform and Rural Development in Government Gazette Notice No.2606 on 7 October 2022 with particular reference to:

**Document requirements for movement of cattle, sheep and goats in the whole country**

4. Movements of cattle, sheep and goats in the provinces and areas other than those specified under paragraph 3 of this schedule must be accompanied by the following documents:
- (1) Owner declaration attesting to the origin and health status of the animals;
  - (2) Undertaking of the recipient at destination that the animals will be isolated on the farm of destination for at least 28 days before introducing them onto the main herd.

Please Note :

All applications for Movement Permits must be submitted at least 5 working days before the intended movement.

In an effort to reduce the spread of foot and mouth disease in the Kouga and Kou-Kamma municipalities the following movement restrictions will be put in place from the time of this notice:

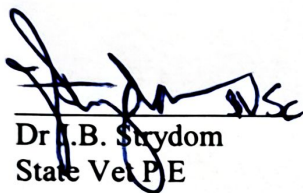
No person shall , except under the authority of a permit issued by the responsible State Veterinarian and otherwise than in accordance with the conditions specified in such permit , move any cloven-hoofed animals INTO, WITHIN, THROUGH and OUT OF the Kouga Municipality.

- **Only cloven-hoofed animals being moved from one farm within the Kouga municipality directly to an abattoir for slaughter will be allowed.** Only Abattoirs within the Kouga, Kou-Kamma and NMBM municipalities may be used. All animals being moved need to be inspected by the owner for any signs indicative of Foot and Mouth Disease before they are moved. Should any symptoms be noted, the state vet is to be notified immediately.
- **Farms falling within a 10 km radius of infected farms are to be bled and have a negative serological result before any movements are allowed from these farms** – the radius can be confirmed with the State Vet office and arrangements for bleeding can be made with them as well.
- **For bull calves where calves from more than one farm are transported together this will only be allowed if the calves are transported by the farmer to the main road where they can be loaded onto the transport.** Vehicles are to be thoroughly disinfected before returning to the farm and personnel must disinfect their hands and boots. No contact is to be made between calves already present on the transport vehicle and people who are to return to the farm. Calves are to be loaded from the furthest farm first and then from farms nearer to the Abattoir provided that the farms loaded first are not within a 10 Km radius of the infected farms. Should calves from within a 10 km radius of the affected farm be loaded these are to be done last. Loading should take place from lower risk to higher risk.
- **No cloven-hoofed animals originating in the Kouga and Kou-Kamma municipalities are to be moved to other farms within or outside these municipalities for the time being.**
- Should any movements not meeting the above requirements be noted these must please be reported to your local Stock Theft unit as well as the State Vet office.



- Any movement of animals does increase the risk of spread and should still be avoided if possible.
- These measures will be updated as required and the responsible state veterinarian must be contacted at regular intervals to ensure that the latest version is used.

Thank you,

  
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