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<u>Movement restrictions for cloven-hoofed animals – Kouga</u> <u>Municipality</u>

To whom it may concern

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:

- Only cloven-hoofed animals being moved from one farm directly to the
 abattoir for slaughter will be allowed. 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. Only Abattoirs within the state vet area may be used (Kouga, KouKamma, NMBM and Sundays River Valley)
- 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. Here any personal or vehicles are to be thoroughly disinfected before returning to the farm. No contact is to be made between calves already present on the transport and people who are to return to the farm. Calves are to be loaded from the furthest farm first and to move towards the abattoir loading subsequent farms, provided the farms loaded first are not within a 10 Km radius of the infected farms. Should calves from within a 10 km radius be loaded, these are to be done last and 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 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.

Thank you,

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