



**ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER – OPERATIONS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT  
ACTING REGIONAL COMMANDERS  
ACTING PORT COMMANDERS**

**RE: MOVEMENT OF LIVE ANIMALS ACROSS THE PORTS OF ENTRY/ EXIT**

1. The abovementioned subject bears reference;
2. Whilst facilitating legitimate movement of goods, including live animals, across the borders of the Republic it is important to ensure their safety and provide for their welfare considerations.
3. Means/ method of transportation have to be in such a manner that they are comfortable for travel.
4. The importer/ exporter remains responsible for their animal's feeding and watering needs, provided that it is according to local regulations.
5. It is also important to prioritise the animals' legitimate movement as quickly as possible especially during inclement or extremely hot weather and longer distances of travelling.
6. Valid movement documents and health attestations remains the cornerstone of such movement of animals across the ports of entry or exit.
7. For more information or emergencies please call Dr Edison Machedi at 060 973 3536 or [maleho.machedi@bma.gov.za](mailto:maleho.machedi@bma.gov.za).

Kind regards,

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