

# Foot and Mouth Disease Movement Control Protocol Eastern Cape Disease Management Area

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## **Introduction and summary**

This Movement Control Protocol applies to the Disease Management Area in Eastern Cape, as declared in Government Gazette Notice No 5064 of 26 July 2024, in terms of the Animal Disease Act, 1984 (Act No 35 of 1984), comprising the areas as specified in Annexure A of this document.

The National Director of Animal Health hereby prescribes, in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No.35 of 1984), control measures relating to the movement of animals and animal products INTO, WITHIN, THROUGH and OUT OF the FMD Disease Management Area, herein after referred to as the DMA.

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.

## **Application for movement permit**

All requests for movement must be accompanied by a completed application for a movement permit. The application form is attached as Annexure B of this document.

For permit applications and enquiries please contact:

### **Eastern Cape Province Disease Management Permit Offices**

#### **Red cross permits & ECOS permits**

Permit officer

**[ecp.fmdpermits@drdar.gov.za](mailto:ecp.fmdpermits@drdar.gov.za)**

#### **Please Note:**

All applications for Veterinary Movement Permits must be submitted to the email address provided above at least 5 working days before the intended movement.

ALL Veterinary Movement Permits issued for the current version of this Movement Control Protocol require further disease control measures at destination and / or reconciliation between the state veterinarian at origin and destination and thus have to be issued as RED CROSS State Veterinary Movement Permits and signed by the State Veterinarian responsible for the area of origin or the State Veterinarian in charge of the Permit Office.

# **1. Movement of LIVE CLOVEN HOOFED ANIMALS**

All live animal movements in relation to the DMA must be accompanied by a Red Cross Veterinary Movement Permit issued in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984, (Act No 35 of 1984).

All Red Cross Veterinary Movement Permits for live cloven-hoofed animals must indicate the individual identification numbers of all the animals being transported.

Stock removal certificates with the registered brand mark of the owner must also accompany each consignment as per Section 6 and Section 8 of the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act No 57 of 1959).

## **1.1 Movement of live cloven hoofed animals OUT OF the DMA**

1.1.1 All such movements will be considered only for direct slaughter to a designated or a registered non-export abattoir under a red cross permit.

The list of documentation required for application is available on request and includes

- a copy of the designation of the abattoir,
- confirmation of the slaughter details for every consignment by the abattoir owner or manager
- a declaration from the responsible state veterinarian with regards to the FMD status of the farm / location of origin.

1.1.1.1 Applications for movement of animals from FMD infected and / or FMD vaccinated farms / locations will be considered only for direct slaughter at a designated abattoir from more than 14 days after Day 0 / clinical endpoint as determined by the responsible state veterinarian.

1.1.1.2 Applications for movement of sheep from premises in the DMA that are neither infected with nor vaccinated for FMD will be considered only for registered non-export abattoirs.

## **1.2 Movement of live cloven hoofed animals INTO the DMA**

### **1.2.1. Movement for direct slaughter at a registered abattoir:**

Application form by the owner confirming origin of the animals.

Health declaration by the owner confirming no clinical signs of FMD at origin.

Confirmation from a registered abattoir that indicates that animals have been booked for slaughter.

### **1.2.2. Movement for keeping, breeding and farming:**

Such movements will not be considered while the outbreak event in the DMA is still actively spreading.

### **1.3 Movement WITHIN the DMA**

**Live cloven-hoofed animals** including cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and cloven hooved game (buffalo, antelope etc.) may only move WITHIN the DMA with a Red cross Permit from and to same FMD status farms as follows:

#### **1.3.1 Movement for direct slaughter**

Movements for direct slaughter to a designated or a registered non-export abattoir within the DMA under a red cross permit will be considered upon application as described above in 1.1.1.

#### **1.3.2 Movement for keeping, breeding and farming**

Such movements will be considered on a case-by-case basis on same FMD status farms and based on a comprehensive risk assessment submitted by the applicant and the responsible private veterinarian and may be subject to evaluation by the DAH.

### **1.4 Movement THROUGH the DMA**

In addition to the requirements for all movement of live cloven-hoofed animals THROUGH the DMA are exempted from Veterinary Movement Permits BUT have to be accompanied by the following documentation as per the above general conditions and as per Government Gazette Notice No 5064 of 26 July 2024:

- Owner declaration attesting to the origin and health status of the animals and in compliance with any conditions or prescriptions for such declarations that may be determined by the director;
- Signed undertaking of the recipient at destination, in compliance with any conditions or prescriptions for such undertakings that may be determined by the director, confirming that the animals will be isolated on the farm of destination for at least 28 days before introducing them onto the main herd.
- Stock removal certificates with the registered brand mark of the owner must also accompany each consignment (Section 6 and Section 8 certificates issued in terms of the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act No 57 of 1959).
- 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.

## **2. Movement of PRODUCTS FROM CLOVEN HOOVED ANIMALS:**

### **2.1 Meat, Milk and Products Thereof**

#### **2.1.1. Meat from domestic livestock:**

a) **Whole carcasses, half carcasses and offal** may move OUT OF, WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA from a registered abattoir accompanied by an invoice or receipt. Offal must either be boxed or sealed in a plastic bag.

**Offal from designated abattoir slaughtering from infected/vaccinated herds may not be moved out of the DMA**

- b) **Raw meat and meat products:** may move OUT OF, WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA WITHOUT a permit provided the meat is:
- a. Packaged so as to prevent exposure and leakage of the content.

- b. Labelled and accompanied by a printed receipt from a butchery or commercial retailer.

**2.1.2 Meat and meat products from cloven hoofed game (excluding warthogs and buffalo):**

- May only move WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA, with a Movement Permit if:
- The premises / location of origin is neither FMD infected nor FMD vaccinated as countersigned by the responsible state veterinarian at origin
- The meat is for own consumption
- One carcass per hunter or person accompanying the product will be permitted.
- Provided that the skin, heads and feet are removed, and the meat is dry and drip free.
- All meat must be labelled (with species, place of origin and weight) and packaged to prevent exposure of the product.
- The head, feet and offal must be removed and may not be moved from the property where the animal was slaughtered.

**2.1.3 Fully cooked or dried meat products**

NO restriction will be imposed for fully cooked or “break-dry” meat products irrespective of quantity moving INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA.

**2.1.4 Meat products moving INTO the DMA**

Products must be accompanied by proof of purchase stating origin of such products to confirm origin outside of the DMA.

**2.1.5 Milk and Milk products OUT OF, INTO, WITHIN and THROUGH the DMA**

Processed milk and milk products in commercial leak-proof packaging will not be subject to any restrictions.

Raw unprocessed milk and milk products have to be accompanied by a bill of lading that clearly identifies the origin of the load, the route that the vehicle is taking within the DMA and the destination of vehicle.

Movement of trucks can only move from clean to infected/vaccinated farms with cleaning and disinfection between farms.

**Through:** milk originating from outside the DMA destined to outside the DMA through the DMA may not stop anywhere in the DMA (except for re-fuelling). No permit required, but must have a bill of lading.

**Into and within:** milk originating from outside or inside the DMA destined to inside the DMA allowed only provided milk is transported directly to an approved dairy establishment within the DMA and the vehicle is accompanied by a veterinary red cross movement permit.

**Out of:** milk originating from inside the DMA destined to outside the DMA will be allowed only provided milk is transported directly to an approved dairy establishment outside the DMA without stopping (except for refuelling) and the vehicle is accompanied by a veterinary red cross movement or ECOS permit.

### **Documentation required for veterinary movement/ ECOS permit:**

- a copy of the designation / non-export registration of the dairy facility countersigned by the state veterinary office responsible for the area of origin,
- confirmation of the bill of lading for every consignment by the dairy facility owner or manager countersigned by the state veterinarian responsible for the area of origin as well as
- a declaration from the responsible state veterinarian with regards to the FMD status of the farm / location of origin.

## **2.2 Movement of OTHER PRODUCTS FROM CLOVEN HOOVED ANIMALS**

### **2.2.1 Trophies, bones, horns and skins from game animals:**

Moving OUT OF or WITHIN the DMA is permitted, provided

- Skins have been salted for 28 days, or dried.
- Bones and horns have been thoroughly cleaned and dried.

### **2.2.2 Hides and skins from a registered abattoir:**

May move WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA with a veterinary red cross permit provided the hides and skins have been salted for 28 days or dried or are transported directly to a registered hides/skins facility for treatment.

No restriction will be imposed for **hides, skins, trophies, bones, and horns** moving INTO the DMA.

No restriction will be imposed for **wool and hair** moving INTO, WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA

Movement of **wool and hair** OUT of the DMA will be allowed through a red cross permit

## **3. Other Animals and Products**

3.1 NO restriction will be imposed for non-FMD-susceptible animals moving INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA.

3.2 NO restriction will be imposed for semen and embryos and laboratory samples of FMD-susceptible animals moving INTO, WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA.

3.3 Semen and embryos and laboratory samples of FMD-susceptible animals moving OUT OF the DMA require a veterinary movement permit.

3.2 NO restriction will be imposed for grass, hay and dry manure moving INTO, OUT OF, WITHIN or THROUGH the DMA.

