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PARTIAL LIFTING OF RESTRICTION AND UPDATE ON FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK AT HOHA VILLAGE IN NDIYONA CONSTITUENCY OF THE KAVANGO EAST REGION.

The Directorate of Veterinary Services under the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform would like to update farmers and the general public about the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak at Hoha Village in Ndiyona Constituency of the Kavango East region which was confirmed on the 28 September 2020 and subsequently announced to the public on the 6 October 2020.

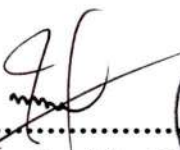
Restrictions were put in place to give time to the Directorate of Veterinary Services to determine if the disease had spread from the outbreak areas to the others areas. Tracing of animals, animal products and materials which were moved from the outbreak area was carried out. Animals were physically inspected and examined and found to be free from FMD clinical signs.

Following a successful and intensive investigations by veterinary officials in the FMD Protection Zone (Kavango East, Kavango West, Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Oshana, Omusati and Kunene regions), it was established that the outbreak has not spread beyond the Kavango East Region. As a result of this evidence, movement restrictions in the regions of Kavango West, Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Oshana, Omusati and Kunene North have been lifted with immediate effect.

In line with the Animal Health Act, Act 1 of 2011, Kavango East region (except Mukwe Constituency) has been declared an **infected area**. Therefore, the region will remain under restriction and the following new measures will apply:

- Movement restriction of all live cloven-hoofed animals, out and within the infected area remain in place;
- Movement of potentially infectious commodities out of the infected area such as raw meat, milk, hides, skins, game trophies, and grass and plant materials is not permitted
- Movement restriction of live cloven – hoofed animals from the FMD Free and Protection Zones into the infected area is allowed for animals intended for direct slaughter within 72 hours upon arrival;
- Raw meat and other animal products from the free and protection zones into the infected zone are also permitted;
- Slaughtering of cloven-hoofed animals for weddings, funerals will be allowed in the infected area except areas within the radius of 30 km of Hoha village.
- In-transit of live cloven-hoofed animals and their products through the infected area is allowed provided that the transporting vehicles are sealed under veterinary supervision;
- A number of road blocks have been set up at strategic points and patrol teams are deployed around the infected areas to restrict movement.
- Emergency vaccination of all cattle in the restricted area with FMD vaccine has already commenced and all farmers are strongly advised to bring their cattle for vaccination at designated crush pens.

The Directorate of Veterinary Services under the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform would like to thank the farmers and the general public for their cooperation and continuous support during this outbreak.


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