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ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 35 OF 1984

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CONTROL MEASURES RELATING TO FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

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18 August 2022.

The Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development acting under Section 9(1) of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984) hereby prescribe the control measures set out in the Schedule hereto.

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1. Definitions

In this Schedule any word or phrase to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act, shall have that meaning and, unless the context otherwise indicates –

“foot and mouth disease” means the disease as specified in column 1 of Table 2 of the Regulations and as described in column 2 of Table 2 of the Regulations opposite thereto;

“the Act”, means the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984)

“the Regulations”, means the Animal Diseases Regulations as published by Government Notice No. R. 2026 of 26 September 1986, as amended by Government Notices Nos. R. 2208 of 24 October 1986, R. 266 of 13 February 1987, R. 2343 of 16 October 1987, R. 884 of 5 May 1988 (as corrected by Government Notice No. R. 1043 of 3 June 1988), R. 394 of 1 March 1991 (as corrected by Government

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2. Objective of control measure

The objective of this control measure is to prevent the spreading of foot and mouth disease virus through movements of live cattle between different properties.

3. Prohibition on the movement of live cattle

- (1) Any activities where live cattle are physically moved from one property to another property are prohibited in the whole country;
- (2) Any person who suspects or become aware of movements of live cattle, except for movements allowed in terms of point 4 hereunder, must report this to their local Stock Theft Units of the South African Police Service and state veterinary authority immediately.

4. Exemption from cattle movement ban for direct slaughter

Cattle may move to a registered abattoir for slaughter on the following conditions:

- (1) Application for movement may be made only for clinically healthy cattle, which must be confirmed through certification of clinical inspection of the cattle on the day of movement by a private veterinarian and this health certificate must be presented to the state veterinarian responsible for the area of the farm or premises or land of origin.
- (2) Application may be made only for slaughter at an abattoir with a valid registration in compliance with the Meat Safety Act 2000 (Act no 40 of 2000) and the Red Meat Regulations proclaimed in terms of Section 8 of the Meat Safety Act 2000 (Act no 40 of 2000) as amended.
- (3) If satisfied with the private veterinary certification of the clinically healthy status of the cattle, the state veterinarian responsible for the area of the farm or premises of land of origin will issue a red cross permit to accompany the cattle to the abattoir and attach a copy of the health certificate issued by the private veterinarian as confirmation that the animals are free from clinical signs of foot and mouth disease on the day of movement.

- (4) The movement must be directly from the farm to the registered abattoir, with no stopping *en route* for any purpose of any period of time.

5. Slaughter for own consumption

Cattle may be slaughtered for own use or own consumption or for cultural or religious purposes, on the following conditions:

- (1) Cattle must be slaughtered on the same premises where they were kept prior to slaughter and only the meat may be moved to the destination.
- (2) No meat or animal product obtained from an animal slaughtered for own consumption may be sold to any person.