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PRESS RELEASE

UPDATE ON THE FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK AND REVISED MOVEMENT CONTROLS

Farmers, members of the public and stakeholders are updated that –

- a) The ongoing surveillance has not detected Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) cases outside the disease control zones 3c and 6b and the third round of vaccination has been completed in cattle in zones 6b North and 3c Masunga. The first round of vaccination is on-going in zones 6b South and 3c Tutume and second round is scheduled to start on the 22nd May 2026.
- b) FMD prevention and control measures which include emergency vaccination, biosecurity, movement controls, surveillance and establishment of a containment zone continue to be implemented in zone 11, 12 and 13 to contain and determine the extent of the disease. The disease has been detected in twelve (12) crushes; communal crushes (6), farms (4) and feedlots (2). The outbreak remains confined to the containment zone.

The movement restrictions are thus revised as follows:

1. Movement restrictions in zones 1 and 2 are revised as below:
 - (i) Movement of cloven hooved animals within disease control zones 1 and 2 remains unchanged.
 - (ii) Movement of beef that satisfied commodity-based trade (CBT) requirements from zone 2 (BMC – Maun) is **allowed** to the rest of the country under veterinary permit and seal.
 - (iii) Movement of cloven hooved animals and beef from zone 2 into zone 1 is **allowed** with a permit and a seal.
 - (iv) Export of cloven-hoofed derived products is **allowed** subject to import requirements of the importing country.
2. Movement restrictions in the infected zones (6b and 3c- Maitengwe) are revised as below:

- i. Movement of cloven hooved animals into, out of and within zones 6b and 3c-Maitengwe **remains prohibited**.
 - ii. Slaughter for social events in zone 3c- Maitengwe is **allowed** after favorable health inspection by veterinary official (Mokenti).
 - iii. Movement of fresh cloven-hoofed animal derived products **out of** zones 3c-Maitengwe and 6b **remains prohibited**. However, movement into and within the zones is **allowed** without a permit.
 - iv. **Direct** movement of cloven hooved derived fresh product between zone 6b and 3c (Maitengwe) is **allowed** without a veterinary movement permit.
3. Movement restrictions in zone 3b Nata/Gweta are revised as below:
 - i. Movement of live cloven-hoofed animals from zone 3b Nata/Gweta into zone 1 and 2 is **allowed** under a veterinary permit and both for breeding (after 30 days' quarantine) and direct slaughter.
 - ii. Movement for cloven hooved animals within zone 3b Nata/Gweta for direct slaughter is **allowed** at registered slaughter facilities.
 - iii. Slaughter of small stock for social events in zone 3b Nata/Gweta is allowed, whereas cattle slaughter is allowed **only at registered slaughter facilities**.
 - iv. Movement of cloven hooved derived fresh products out of zone 3b Nata/Gweta to the rest of the country is allowed under a veterinary permit and seal.
4. Movement restrictions in zone 6a (Tonota, Mokubilo, Mabesekwa, Francistown, Mathangwane etc are revised as follows:
 - i. Movement of live cloven hooved animals out of and within zone 6a **remains prohibited**, except for direct slaughter at registered slaughter facilities within the zone.
 - ii. Slaughter for social events in zone 6a is **allowed** after favourable health inspection by a veterinary official (Mokenti).
 - iii. Movement of cloven-hoofed animals from FMD free zones (3b and 4a) into zone 6a for direct slaughter at licensed facilities is **allowed** under veterinary permit and seal.
 - iv. Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a and 3b) and registered FMD free compartments is **allowed** into zones 6a, 6b and 3c Maitengwe under permit and seal.
 - v. Hunting of cloven-hoofed wild animals is allowed and the movement of the derived fresh products will be subjected to the same movement protocol as under (v).
 - vi. Movement of cloven-hoofed animal derived fresh products out of zone 6a remains prohibited **except** into zones 6b and 3c Maitengwe without a veterinary movement permit.

- vii. Transit of cloven hooved derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a and 3b) and registered FMD free compartments through zones 3c Maitengwe, 6a and 6b is **allowed** in sealed containers or trucks under veterinary movement permit.

5. Movement restrictions in zone 7 (Bobirwa) are revised as follows:

- i. Movement of live cloven hooved animals into and out of zone 7 **remains prohibited**.
- ii. Movement of live cloven-hoofed animals within zone 7 for direct slaughter is **allowed** under veterinary permit.
- iii. Slaughter of small stock for social events is **allowed**, whereas cattle slaughter is allowed **only at registered slaughter facilities**.
- iv. Movement of cloven-hoofed animal derived fresh products out of zone 7 **remains prohibited**
- v. Hunting of cloven-hoofed wild animals is allowed and the derived fresh products will be allowed to only within zone 7.
- v. Transit of cloven hooved derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a and 3b) and registered FMD free compartments through zone 7 is **allowed** in sealed containers or trucks under veterinary movement permit.

6. Movement restrictions in zone 4a are revised as follows:

- i. Movement of live cloven-hoofed animals from zone 4a into zone 1 and 2 is **allowed** under a veterinary permit both for breeding (after 30 days quarantine) and direct slaughter.
- ii. Movement of cloven-hoofed animals for direct slaughter within zone 4a is **allowed** at registered slaughter facilities.
- iii. Slaughter for social events in zone 4a is **allowed**.
- viii. Hunting of cloven-hoofed wild animals is allowed and the movement of the derived fresh products will be subjected to the same movement protocol as under (v).
- v. Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products out of zone 4a is **allowed** under a veterinary permit and seal to the rest of the country.

7. Movement restrictions in zone 3c Dukwi, 4b, 5, 8, 9, 10 are revised as follows:

- i. Movement of live cloven-hoofed animals into, out of and within zones 3c Dukwi, 4b, 5, 8, 9 and 10 **remains prohibited, except** for **direct** slaughter at registered slaughter facilities **within** each zone.
- ii. Slaughter of small stock for social events is **allowed**, whereas cattle slaughter is allowed **only at registered slaughter facilities**.
- iii. Hunting of cloven-hoofed wild animals is allowed and the movement of the derived fresh products will be subjected to the same movement protocol as under (v).

- iv. Movement of fresh products derived from cloven-hoofed animals is **allowed only** within each zone.
- v. Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a and 3b) and registered FMD free compartments is **allowed** into zones 3c Dukwi, 4b, 5, 8, 9 and 10 under permit and seal.
- vi. Transit of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a and 3b) and registered FMD free compartments through zones 3c Dukwi, 4b, 5, 8, 9 and 10 is **allowed** in sealed containers or trucks under veterinary movement permit

8. Movement restrictions in zone 11,12,13 are revised as follows:

- (i) Movement of all cloven-hoofed animals **remains prohibited** in zone 11,12 and 13. The prohibition includes transport or slaughter of cloven-hoofed animals for personal use or social events (weddings, funerals, megoga etc.).
- (ii) Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a and 3b) and registered FMD free compartments is **allowed** into zones 11, 12 and 13 under permit and seal.
- (iii) Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products is allowed within a zone without a movement permit.
- (iv) Hunting of cloven-hoofed wild animals is not allowed.
- (v) Transit of cloven hoofed derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a and 3b) and registered FMD free compartments through zones 11,12 and 13 is **allowed** in sealed containers or trucks under veterinary movement permit.
- (vi) Movement cloven-hoofed derived fresh products out of the containment zone is **not allowed**.

9. Movement of livestock feeds, trophies, skins (dikgole) and hooves, **out** of zones 3c-Dukwi, 3c- Maitengwe, 4b, 5, 6a, 6b, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,12 and 13 remains **prohibited**, except milled feed or treated by-products.

10. Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from BMC Lobatse is allowed to movement within zone 11 without a permit and to the rest of the country under permit and seal.

11. Export of cloven-hoofed derived products is allowed subject to import requirements of the importing country

12. Import of cloven-hoofed derived products is allowed subject to import requirements.

Note:

1. Processed products include but not limited to thoroughly cooked meat, pasteurized and UHT milk, madila (sour milk), brittle dry biltong (segwapa), precooked meat products.
2. Vacuum packing is not considered processing of fresh products.

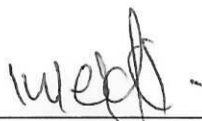
The revision of movement restrictions currently in place will be considered after:

- Second round vaccination of cattle in the containment zones which is planned to start 28 days after completion of the first round of vaccination
- Elapse of two incubation periods from the last FMD case documented.
- Individual identification of all cattle (ear tagging and capture in BAITS 3) in the containment zone.

Farmers, members of the public and stakeholders are urged to comply with the revised disease prevention measures, remain vigilant and **report any signs** of illness in livestock to the nearest **Department of Veterinary Service or Botswana Police Service** offices.

The press release supersedes the previously announced movement protocols.

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