



## **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Limpopo Province Foot and Mouth Disease movement control protocol No. 1**

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**Compiled by: Limpopo Foot and Mouth Disease Veterinary Operational Committee**

#### **1. Background & Legal Basis**

The Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984) and its regulations provide for the control of animal diseases and parasites and for measures to promote animal health.

In terms of Section 8 and related provisions, the Director of Veterinary Services may regulate the movement, removal or transport of controlled animals or things (which include all cloven-hoofed animals) in relation to a controlled animal disease.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) is declared a controlled animal disease under the Act. The Director Veterinary Services, Limpopo Province hereby prescribes, in terms of the Animal Diseases

Act, 1984 (Act No.35 of 1984), control measures relating to the movement of all cloven hooved animals and animal products INTO, WITHIN, THROUGH and OUT OF the Limpopo Province.

This circular must be read in conjunction with the Approved FMD VPN of 2014 as well as government gazette notices issued by the department of Agriculture in relation to FMD control and Biosecurity measures with special reference to Gazette No 52868 of 13 June 2025.

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), and individual tag before movement can be permitted.

#### **2. Movement Requirements into Limpopo Province**

Effective immediately, and until further notice, any movement of cloven-hoofed animals (including cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and game) into Limpopo Province shall be subject to the following conditions:

##### **2.1 Pre-approval:**

- A pre-approved inter-provincial movement application must be obtained before movement from other provinces into Limpopo commences.

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- The inter-provincial movement application must be completed at the province of origin by the responsible State Veterinarian.
- The application must then be recommended by the Director of Veterinary Services (or designated official) of the province of origin.
- Once endorsed, the application must be submitted to the designated official in the province of destination (Limpopo) for final approval **at least Five (5) days** prior to movement.
- All movement applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subject to a risk assessment. Details of the required risk assessment will depend on the individual circumstances and purpose of the intended movement and the biosecurity of the premises at origin and destination of such movement.
- The outcome of the risk assessment, and whether or not the movement will be allowed, will be communicated to the applicants once an application has been received and evaluated.
- A Veterinary Movement Permit will be issued for successful applications in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984, (Act No 35 of 1984).

## **2.2 Documentation:**

- All live animals moving into, out of, through or within the Limpopo Province must be accompanied by a Veterinary Movement Permit issued in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984, (Act No 35 of 1984).
- All 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 (Section 6 and Section 8 certificates issued in terms of the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act No 57 of 1959)).
- A veterinary declaration confirming that the animals originate from premises not under FMD restriction or quarantine must be attached.

## **2.3 Destination and transport details:**

- The application must specify the exact destination, owner or manager details, vehicle registration, route, and date of transport.

## **3. Movement Requirements within Limpopo Province**

Effective immediately, and until further notice, any movement of cloven-hoofed animals (including cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and game) within Limpopo Province shall be subject to the following conditions:

### **3.1 Pre-approval:**

- A pre-approved movement application must be obtained before movement of cloven-hoofed animals commences.
- The movement application must be completed at the District / SV office of origin by the responsible State Veterinarian.
- The application must then be recommended by the Deputy Director of Veterinary Services (or designated official) of the District of origin.
- Once endorsed, the application must be submitted to the designated official in the District of destination for final approval **at least Five (5) days** prior to movement.

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## **3.2 Documentation:**

- All live animals moving into, out of, through or within the Limpopo Province must be accompanied by a Veterinary Movement Permit issued in terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984, (Act No 35 of 1984).
- Animals **bought** at an auction should be accompanied by the Veterinary movement permit issued from the destination to the Auction facility as well as all relevant auctioneer documentation that include Biosecurity officer inspection report as well as procurement documentation issued by the auctioneer.
- All 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 (Section 6 and Section 8 certificates issued in terms of the Stock Theft Act, 1959 (Act No 57 of 1959).
- A veterinary declaration confirming that the animals originate from premises not under FMD restriction or quarantine must be attached.

## **3.3 Destination and transport details:**

- The application must specify the exact destination, owner or manager details, vehicle registration, route, and date of transport.

## **4. Issuing of Veterinary Movement permit**

## **5. Prohibitions & Enforcement**

Any movement as indicate under point two and Three above, without a valid pre-approved movement application will be considered unlawful under the Animal Diseases Act (Act 35 of 1984). Animals moved without proper authorization may be refused entry, placed under quarantine, or returned to the origin at the owner's cost. Legal action may also be instituted.

## **6. Cooperation & Information Sharing**

All Provincial Veterinary Services are requested to:

- Communicate this requirement to livestock owners, transporters, auction facilities, and all relevant stakeholders.
- Ensure all movement applications into Limpopo and within Limpopo are endorsed and submitted correctly.
- Share any information regarding FMD outbreaks, suspected cases, or control measures that may affect inter-provincial movements timeously.

## **7. Contact for Applications & Enquiries**

Limpopo Provincial Veterinary Office – Animal Health Section

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## **8. Duration of Measure**

This measure remains in effect until otherwise withdrawn or amended by the Limpopo Veterinary Authority. Any change will be communicated through official veterinary channels and circulars.

Yours faithfully,



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Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
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