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**VETERINARY PUBLIC NOTIFICATION 1 of 2019**

**RE: SUSPENSION ON IMPORT AND IN TRANSIT MOVEMENT OF CLOVEN HOOFED ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry would like to inform importers and the Namibian public about the immediate suspension of import and in transit movement of cloven hoofed animals (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, antelopes, etc.) and their products from South Africa due to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in that country. This suspension is issued in terms of Section 11(1) of the Animal Health Act, 2011 (Act No. 1 of 2011).

The disease was detected in the Vhembe District, Limpopo Province in the Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) Free Zone and reported to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) on 7 January 2019. As a result of this development, the official OIE recognised FMD-free status of South Africa is temporarily suspended. Consequently any exports where FMD free zone attestation is required, cannot be certified.

Foot and Mouth Disease is one of the most contagious diseases of cloven hoofed animals and is a disease of economic importance. Common clinical signs of the disease include: salivation, not grazing, limping, reluctance to move, blisters and ulcers on the tongue, gums, nares, udder and on the feet.

The suspension is with immediate effect and all previously issued import and in transit permits are hereby cancelled and recalled. Importers are urged to contact the Veterinary Import/ Export Office for further information.

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