



Republic Of Botswana

MINISTRY OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE

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To: All Media Houses

PRESS RELEASE

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

1. Farmers, members of the public and stakeholders are informed of suspected outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) at Marapong crush in the Oodi (Dikwididi) extension area, Rabotsiripa, Masarweng and Tomosi crushes in Mochudi extension area in Kgatleng District (Disease Control Zone 11).
2. While investigations are ongoing for 2-3 weeks, farmers and stakeholders are informed of the attached revised movement protocol. The main changes in the revised protocol include prohibiting movement in zone 11 excluding the containment zone and restricting movement in zones 8, 9 and 10.
3. The public is directed to the FMD dashboard URL for regular updates at URL: <https://govbw.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/6fd60f3bafc94814a8fa33576b8fd9bd>

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 Services or Botswana Police Service** offices.

The press release supersedes the previously announced movement protocols.

For more information, please contact the National Emergency Operations Centre; telephone 3934505 and 3934510 or toll free – 0800600130 or WhatsApp: 77702971 or email – fmdneoc@gov.bw or MoLA Public Relations Office at 3689151.

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Revised movement protocol

Zone	Movement controls
Zones 1 and 2	Live cloven-hoofed animals 1. Remains unchanged 2. Movement of other cloven-hoofed animals except cattle from zone 1 to 2 is allowed under veterinary permit. 3. Movement of cloven-hoofed animals into zone 1 and 2 from zone 3b, 4a, 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, 7, 6a, and 12 for rearing is allowed under permit and seal after after vaccination and quarantine. Fresh cloven hoofed derived products 1. Commodity-based trade (CBT) produced beef from BMC – Maun allowed to the rest of the country under Veterinary permit and seal. 2. Allowed under Veterinary permit and seal between zone 1 and zone 2. 3. Export allowed subject to importing country requirements 4. Allowed from zones 3b, 3c (Dukwi), 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, 7, 13 (Hukuntsi district), and FMD free compartments under permit and seal. 5. Allowed from zone 12 directly into zone 2 without a permit. Live cloven-hoofed animals 1. Movement of cattle with at least two recent consecutive vaccinations is allowed under a Veterinary permit between 3c Maitengwe and 6b 2. Movement of cattle with at least two recent consecutive vaccinations is allowed under a Veterinary permit to zones 1 and 2. 3. Movement of other cloven hoofed animals other than cattle allowed under Veterinary permit between zone 3c Maitengwe and 6b. 4. Movement of other cloven hoofed animals other than cattle allowed under Veterinary permit to zones 1 and 2. 5. Cattle slaughter for social events is allowed in zone 3C Maitengwe and 6b after favourable inspection by a Veterinary official (Mokenti).
Zones 6b and 3c - Maitengwe	

	6. Slaughter of other cloven hooved animals for social events including for own consumption is allowed in zone 3C Maitengwe and 6b. 7. Movement of other cloven hooved animals other than cattle allowed into zones 6b and 3C Maitengwe under a Veterinary movement permit 8. Movement of cloven hooved animals out of zones 3C Maitengwe and 6b to other zones other than zones 1 and 2 is not allowed. 9. Movement for purposes of breeding or intensive keeping of animals is allowed without congregation of animals at buying points under movement permit. Fresh cloven hooved derived products 1. Movement from slaughter facilities allowed to zones 1 and 2 under permit and seal. 2. Movement to other zones is not allowed. 3. Direct movement allowed into and between the zones without a permit.
Zones 3b, 4a, and 7	Live cloven-hoofed animals 1. Allowed to zones 1 and 2 under permit for breeding (after vaccination and quarantine) and for direct slaughter. 2. Movement for both breeding and slaughter (including for social events) is allowed within the zone and into zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, 6a, and FMD free compartments under permit and seal. 3. Movement for purposes of breeding or intensive keeping of animals is allowed without congregation of animals at buying points under movement permit. Fresh cloven hooved derived products 1. Allowed to other zones without a veterinary permit except to zones 11 and 13 where movement is under permit and seal. 2. Movement of fresh derived cloven-hoofed wildlife or game products allowed within a zone and into zones 1, 2, 3b, 3c (Dukwi), 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, 7 and 12 without a permit except to zones 11 and 13 where movement is under permit and seal. 3. Not allowed from other zones except from FMD free compartments or processed products.
Zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, and 6a	Live cloven-hoofed animals

	1. Movement for breeding and slaughter within and between zones (including for social events) allowed under permit. 2. Movement for purposes of breeding or intensive keeping of animals is allowed without congregation of animals (from different holdings) at buying points under movement permit. Fresh cloven hoofed derived products 1. Allowed within the zone and between zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, and 6a without a movement permit. 2. Movement from zones 3b, 4a and 7 allowed without a permit. 3. Only movement from slaughter facilities allowed to zones 1, 2, 11, 12 and 13 under permit and seal. 4. Movement of fresh derived cloven-hoofed wildlife or game products allowed within a zone and between zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5 and 6a without a permit except to zones 11 and 13 where movement is under permit and seal. 5. Transit allowed of cloven hoofed derive fresh products (livestock and game) through zones 3b, 4a and 7 under permit and seal. 6. Allowed from registered establishments in the containment zone produced under channelling protocol.
Zones 8, 9 and 10	Live cloven-hoofed animals 1. Prohibited except for direct slaughter within a zone under permit to a registered slaughter facility. Social slaughter including for own consumption only allowed in zone 8. 2. Transit allowed under permit and seal. Fresh cloven hoofed derived products 1. Not allowed out of zone 10 but allowed within the zone without a permit. 2. Not allowed out of zone 8 and 9 but allowed between the two zones without a permit 3. Transit allowed under permit and seal
Zone 12	Live cloven-hoofed animals 1. Movement for purposes of breeding or intensive keeping of animals is allowed without congregation of animals (from different holdings) at buying points under movement permit.

	2. Allowed for direct slaughter within the zone and to a designated abattoirs in zones 1 and 2 under veterinary permit and seal. 3. Slaughter of domestic cloven hooved livestock is allowed for social events including for own consumption. 4. Hunting of cloven-hoofed animals is allowed. Movement of the derived fresh products is allowed within the zone without a permit and to zones 11 and 13 under permit and seal. Fresh cloven hoofed derived products 1. Allowed under permit and seal to zones 11 and 13 but without a permit to zone 2. 2. Allowed from registered FMD free compartments under permit and seal. 3. Commodity based trade (CBT) meat allowed from zone 2 under permit and seal. 4. Transit of fresh products from zones 2 (CBT compliant product), 3b, 3c (Dukwi), 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, and 7 allowed under permit and seal. 5. Movement of fresh derived cloven-hoofed wildlife or game products allowed within the zone and to zones 11 and 13 under permit and seal. 6. Allowed from registered establishments in the containment zone produced under channelling protocol.
Zones 11 and 13	1.1 <u>Proposed containment zone</u> BAITS registered holdings (pigs and cattle) subject to the following conditions 1.1.1 Holdings vaccinated against foot and mouth disease (i) The cattle remained, for at least three months in a holding and have not been in contact with other FMD susceptible animals outside the holding and have been vaccinated at least twice with the last vaccination not more than six months, not less than one month prior to slaughter in a: (a) DVS approved quarantine station for a minimum of 30 days; OR (b) Holding, within a 10-kilometre radius of which FMD has not occurred in the last 30 days. (ii) The cattle or pigs are inspected and showed no signs of FMD on the date of loading to a designated abattoir. (iii) There should have been no cases of FMD in the holding in the last 30 days.

- (iv) All cattle should be traceable through BAITS and residency verified through BAITS.
- (v) Transit of cattle to the quarantine or designated abattoir is **allowed** under a channelling protocol.

1.1.1.2 Holdings exempted from FMD vaccination

- (i) The cattle remained, for at least three months in a holding and have not been in contact with other FMD susceptible animals outside the holding and no cases of FMD occurred in the holding prior to slaughter in a:
 - (a) DVS approved quarantine facility for a minimum of 30 days **OR**
 - (b) Holding, within a 10-kilometre radius of which FMD has not occurred in the last 30 days.
- (ii) All cattle should be traceable through BAITS and residency verified through BAITS.
- (iii) Transit of cattle to the quarantine or to designated abattoir is **allowed** under a channelling protocol.

Transport & Slaughter Protocols

- i. Transported in **cleaned** and **disinfected** (soda or virkon-S) vehicles to a designated abattoir under a **veterinary movement permit** and **seal**.
- ii. The animals to be transported directly from the quarantine or holding to a designated abattoir under channelling protocols to BMC Lobatse/Tsabong or a designated abattoir (approved for maturation and deboning) for cattle and registered piggery abattoir, in zone 11, without coming in contact with other FMD susceptible animals.
- iii. Animals to be subjected to both ante and post mortem inspections with favourable results.

Pork - The carcasses are released subject to a minimum of 24 hours of refrigeration.

Beef -

- (a) Carcasses derived from quarantined animals should have passed the maturation and deboning process for release as a fresh deboned meat. Carcasses that have failed the maturation and deboning process be heat treated and canned.
- (b) The product is allowed to the rest of the country following channelling protocols except zones 3b, 4a and 7.

	1.2 <u>Rest of zone 11 excluding the proposed containment zone</u> Live cloven-hoofed animals Movement is prohibited including from holdings where cattle and pigs were intensively kept. Fresh cloven hoofed derived products 1. Movement out of the zone not allowed. 2. Allowed under permit and seal from zones 3b, 3c (Dukwi), 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, 7, 12, 13 (Hukuntsi) and registered FMD free compartments. Allowed without a permit once the products are within zones 11 and 13. 3. Movement of meat from BMC allowed within zone 11 without a permit but to the rest of the country movement allowed under permit and seal. Other risk material 1. Movement of fodder, grasses, trophies, skins (dikgole), and hooves out of zone 11 and 13 is prohibited. 2. Movement of fodder and grasses for feeding cloven-hoofed animals is allowed into zone 11 and 13. 3. Movement of industrially produced animal feeds from a registered feed manufacturers is allowed out of zone 11 and 13. 1.3 <u>Rest of zone 13 excluding the proposed containment zone</u> Live cloven-hoofed animals Movement prohibited except as indicated below (a) Hukuntsi district (i) Movement of cloven-hoofed livestock allowed for slaughter for social events and own consumption. (ii) Allowed for direct slaughter of cloven-hoofed livestock at a licensed slaughter facility
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	within the district. (b) Tsabong district (i) Movement of small stock allowed for social events and own consumption. (ii) Allowed for direct slaughter of small stock at a licensed slaughter facility within the district. Fresh cloven hoofed derived products 1. Allowed within a district without a movement permit. 2. Allowed under permit and seal from zones 3b, 3c (Dukwi), 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, 7, 12 and registered FMD - free compartments. 3. Movement of meat derived from slaughtered small stock within Tsabong district is not allowed out of the district. 4. Movement of meat derived from livestock slaughtered at designated slaughter facilities within Hunkutsi district allowed to zones 1, 2, 11 and 13. 5. The carcasses that are to be transported for more than an hour after release from the abattoir must be subjected to a minimum of 24 hours of refrigeration. 6. Hunting of cloven-hoofed animals is allowed only in Hukuntsi district. Movement of the derived fresh products is allowed within zone 13 without a permit and to zones 11 under permit and seal. 7. Allowed from registered establishments in the containment zone produced under channelling protocol.
Zone 17	Live cloven-hoofed animals Movement into and out of the zone remains prohibited. Fresh cloven hoofed derived products Movement remains prohibited except into the zone without a permit.
Exportation and importation including transit.	Allowed subject to transit, import or export requirements and in line with this protocol.
Note:	1. Fresh products – includes any cloven-hoofed derived animal product which has not been

	treated to inactivate the foot and mouth disease virus. The products include untreated fresh trophies such skins, hooves, bones, etc. 2. Processed products include but not limited to thoroughly cooked meat, pasteurized and UHT milk, madia (sour milk), brittle dry bitong (segwapa), precooked meat products. 3. Vacuum packing is not considered processing of fresh products. 4. Fresh products release from the slaughter facilities shall be subject to the requirements and transportation in accordance with the Livestock and Meat Industries Act CAB 36:03 of 2007.
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