



MINISTRY OF LANDS AND AGRICULTURE

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To: **All Media Houses**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE ANIMAL MOVEMENT RESTRICTIONS**

1. Foot and mouth disease (FMD) preventative measures have been reviewed and strengthened to reduce the risk of FMD introduction from the Republic of South Africa into Botswana. In addition to the FMD preventative measures that were announced on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025, a movement restriction for all cloven hoofed animals (cattle, goats, sheep, pigs and wildlife animals) has been imposed in livestock crushes that are within a 10 km distance from the Botswana and the Republic of South Africa boundaries in Tlokweng, Kgatleng, Mahalapye and Palapye districts. The restrictions include the following:
  - (ii) Movement of cloven hoofed animals **out** of the 10km radius is **not allowed** except for direct slaughter at a licensed slaughter facility for local consumption.
  - (iii) Cloven hoofed animals and their derived products from the restricted 10km area are **prohibited for export**.
  - (iv) Movement of cloven hoofed animals **within** the restricted 10km area **requires a movement permit**.
  - (v) Movement of cloven hoofed animals **into** the restricted area is **not allowed**.  
Movement of animal derived products **within, into and out** of the restricted area is **allowed without a permit**.
2. **Importation** of cloven hoofed animals and their fresh products from the Republic of South Africa **remains prohibited**. Farmers and the public are urged to report any illegal importation of cloven hoofed animals and their derived fresh products.
3. Farmers and stakeholders are urged to remain vigilant and observe all the FMD preventative measures to minimize the risk of FMD introduction into the country.

For more information please contact Public Relations offices at **3689115/9116** and Department of Veterinary Services at **3689505** or [otshireletso@gov.bw](mailto:otshireletso@gov.bw) or **Toll free line: 17755**.

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