



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Limpopo Province Foot And Mouth Disease Movement Control Protocol No. 1 (Amendment 1)

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Compiled by: Limpopo Foot and Mouth Disease Veterinary Operational Committee

1. Background and Legal Basis

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

In terms of Section 8 of the Animal Diseases Act 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, control measures relating to the movement of all cloven hooved animals 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 Agricultural Produce Agents Council Biosecurity Rules for Livestock Agents contained in Board Notice 135 of 2020, Government Gazette Notice No 4390 of 13 November 2020 ("APAC Rules") and Gazette No 52868 of 13 June 2025.

The requirements set 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 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 ID tag before movement can be permitted.

2. Standing Documents

Note that the *following documents*, in line with government gazette No. 4390 and APAC Bio Rules Board Notice 135, must accompany each and every movement of cloven hooved animals:

- a) Brandmark certificate with a copy of the owners' ID
- b) Section 6 and 8 removal certificate
- c) Health Declaration by Owner / Private Veterinarian

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3. Requirements for Movements of Cloven Hooved Animals Into / Through Limpopo Province

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

3.1 Movement Permit Application

- An inter-provincial movement permit must be obtained prior to the movement from other provinces into / through Limpopo Province commences.
- An application for the inter-provincial movement permit, attached to this protocol as **Addendum I**, must be completed by the State Veterinarian in the province of origin and must include the following information:
 - a) Exact location of origin
 - a) Owner or manager details
 - b) Transport vehicle registration
 - c) Planned date of movement
 - d) Exact destination details
 - e) Total numbers of the animals intended to be transported.
- The application must be recommended by the Director Veterinary Services (or a designated official) at the province of origin.
- The recommended application must be submitted to the State Veterinarian in the province of destination (Limpopo) for final evaluation and approval, **at least Five (5) working days** prior to the planned movement.
- All applications for movement permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subjected to a risk assessment. The risk assessment will be based on the individual circumstances and purpose of the intended movement as well as the biosecurity of the premises of origin and destination of such movement.
- The outcome of the application for movement, Approved or Not Approved, will be communicated to the State Veterinarian at origin.
- For successful applications an Ordinary Veterinary Movement Permit will be issued by the Veterinary Official at origin.

3.2 Documentation

- All Live cloven-hoofed domestic animals (cattle, sheep, goats and pigs) moving into / through the Limpopo Province must be accompanied by the Veterinary Movement Permit referred to in 3.1 issued in terms of the Animal Diseases Act.
- The Veterinary Movement Permit will be valid for **one** movement only.
- The Veterinary Movement Permit will be valid for **not** more than 7 days from date of issue.
- The Veterinary Movement Permit for live cloven-hoofed animals must include the following information:
 - b) Exact location of origin
 - c) Transport Vehicle registration,
 - d) Date of transport.
 - e) Exact destination
 - f) Individual identification numbers (ear tag numbers) of the animals being transported as an addendum to the permit.

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- g) Declaration by the State Veterinarian at origin confirming that the animals originate from premises not under restrictions for FMD.

4. Requirements for Movements of Cloven Hooved Animals Within Limpopo Province

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

4.1 Movement Permit Application:

- A movement permit application must be completed and submitted by the applicant prior to the movement of animals within the province, attached to this protocol as **Addendum II**.
- The application should be submitted physically or electronically to the state vet office at origin at **least Five (5) working days** prior to planned movement.
- A fully completed health declaration (by owner or private veterinarian) should accompany the permit application.
- All applications for movement permits will be considered on a case-by-case basis and subjected to a risk assessment. The risk assessment will be based on the individual circumstances and purpose of the intended movement as well as the biosecurity of the premises of origin and destination of such movement.
- For successful applications an Ordinary Veterinary Movement Permit will be issued by the Veterinary official at origin.

4.2 Documentation

- All live cloven hoofed animals (cattle, sheep, goats and pigs) moving within the Limpopo Province must be accompanied by the Veterinary Movement Permit referred to in 4.1
- The Veterinary Movement Permit will be valid for **one** movement only.
- The Veterinary Movement Permit will be valid for **not** more than 7 days from date of issue.
- All Veterinary Movement Permits for live cloven-hoofed animals (cattle, sheep and goats and pigs) within the Limpopo Province must include the following information:
 - a) Exact location of origin
 - b) Transport Vehicle registration
 - c) Date of transport.
 - d) Exact destination
 - e) Individual identification numbers (ear tag numbers) of the animals being transported as an addendum to the permit.
- Animals **bought** at an auction and being transported to final destination must be accompanied by the Veterinary movement permit referred to in 4.1, issued from the farm of origin to the auction facility as well as all relevant auctioneer documentation which must include the following:
 1. Auctioneers biosecurity officer inspection report
 2. Procurement documentation issued by the auctioneer.
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5. Prohibitions and Enforcement

Any movement as indicated under point three and four above, without a valid movement permit will be considered unlawful under the Animal Diseases Act. 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 and Information Sharing

All Provincial Veterinary Services are requested to:

- Communicate these requirements to livestock owners, transporters, auction facilities, and all other relevant stakeholders.
- Ensure all movement applications into Limpopo and within Limpopo are submitted timeously, evaluated correctly and report back on the outcome of the application.
- Share any information timeously regarding FMD outbreaks, suspect cases, or control measures that may affect planned movements.

7. Contact for Applications and Enquiries

Limpopo Provincial Veterinary Office – Animal Health Section

District	Designated Official:	Email:	Cell Number:
Capricorn	Mashigo-Sepale NL	mashigon@agric.limpopo.gov.za	0609782317
Mopani	Mashau V	mashauv@agric.limpopo.gov.za	0660794201
Sekhukhune	Makgamatha MF	MakgamathaMF@agric.limpopo.gov.za	0716041885
Vhembe	Rhangani TA	RhanganiTA@agric.limpopo.gov.za	0660794597
Waterberg	Sinthumule ME	SinthumuleME@agric.limpopo.gov.za	0724538037

8. Duration of Measures

These measures remain in effect until withdrawn or amended by the Limpopo Veterinary Authority. Any change will be communicated through official veterinary channels and circulars.

Yours faithfully,



Director Veterinary Services
Limpopo Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
Date: 2026/01/12


**DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**
APPLICATION FOR INTER-PROVINCIAL MOVEMENT OF CLOVEN-HOOVED ANIMALS

In terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984)

1. APPLICANT DETAILS

Full Name / Entity			
ID / Registration Number			
Contact Number		Stock card No:	
Email Address			
Physical Address			
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Farm Name			
Farm Portion(s)			
Province			
GPS Coordinates			
Planned date of movement			
Owner / Manager Name			

4. ANIMAL DETAILS

Specie:		Number of Animals:		Registered Brand:	
Reason for Movement					
Sale:		Slaughter:		Breeding:	
				Auction:	
Other (Specify):					

5. APPLICATION AT ORIGIN

	INITIAL AND SURNAME:	SIGNATURE:	EMAIL	DATE
SV / AHT				
DIRECTOR/DELIGATE)				
Supported:	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>	CONDITIONS:	

6. APPROVAL AT DESTINATION

APPROVAL:	APPROVED		NOT APROVED	
APPROVED BY:	INITIAL AND SURNAME:	EMAIL	SIGNATURE	DATE

7. DISTRIBUTION OF APPROVAL

Please return approved application to:

	INITIALS AND SURNAME	EMAIL	CELL NO
TO ORIGIN			
TO DESTINATION			


**DEPARTMENT OF
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APPLICATION FOR MOVEMENT OF DOMESTIC CLOVEN-HOOVED ANIMALS

In terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984)

1. APPLICANT DETAILS

Full Name / Entity			
ID / Registration Number			
Contact Number		Stock card No:	
Email Address			
Physical Address			

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Farm Name		
Farm Portion(s)		
District		
Municipality		
GPS Coordinates		
Planned date of movement		
Owner / Manager Name		

4. ANIMAL DETAILS

Specie:		Number of Animals:		Registered Brand:					
Reason for Movement									
Sale:		Slaughter:		Breeding:		Auction:		Other (Specify):	

 APPLICANT SIGNATURE

 DATE SUBMITTED