



Republic of Botswana

**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**BAN ON IMPORTATION OF CLOVEN HOOFED ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS FROM REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

The Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security would like to inform farmers, stakeholders and the general public of an official report of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Kwazulu Natal Province of the Republic of South Africa.

As a result, the following import restrictions are imposed on live cloven hoofed animals and their products:

1. The importation of live cloven hoofed animals and their fresh products from South Africa is banned.
2. The movement of such animals and their products originating from South Africa and transiting through Botswana is also not allowed.
3. The importation of veldt grass, bedding and manure contaminated products and vehicles are also not allowed.
4. The ban is with immediate effect and until further notice.
5. All permits issued with respect to the above products are cancelled with immediate effect.

The public will be updated on new developments regarding this situation. For further information contact 3689116 or [kebmolebatsi@gov.bw](mailto:kebmolebatsi@gov.bw) and 3689523 or [ksereetsi@gov.bw](mailto:ksereetsi@gov.bw).

  
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