

Private Bag 0032
Gaborone
Botswana
REFERENCE: DVS1/12/2/4 V (73)



Republic Of Botswana

Telephone: 3689504/3
Fax No: 3903744
Internet: www.moa.gov.bw

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

8th January 2019

To: All Media Houses

PRESS RELEASE

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

The Ministry of Agricultural Development and Food Security wishes to inform the general public, stakeholders and farming community of an official report of Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak in Limpopo Province 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 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 grasses, bedding and animal manure contaminated products and vehicles are also not allowed.
- 4) The ban is with immediate effect and until further notice.
- 5) All permits issued in respect to the above products are cancelled with immediate effect.

The public will be updated on new developments regarding the situation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Modisa', written over a horizontal line.

Dr L Modisa
DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY SERVICES