



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**

Farmers, members of the public and stakeholders are updated that –

- a) The Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak in the disease control zones 3c and 6b has been suppressed and the last cases were recorded in March 2026. Three (3) rounds of FMD vaccination have been completed in cattle in zones 6b North and 3c Masunga. The second round of vaccination 6b South and 3c Tutume is scheduled for mid-June 2026.
- b) First round of FMD vaccination within a 40 km radius in Zimbabwe along the border with Botswana has been completed and second round of vaccination is scheduled for Mid-June 2026.
- c) FMD prevention and control measures are being implemented amongst them, emergency vaccination, biosecurity, establishment of a containment zone surveillance and movement controls in zones 11,12 and 13 to contain the disease. Second round of vaccination has been completed in the initial containment zone. First round of vaccination is on-going in crushes where the disease has been detected outside the initial containment zone in Lobatse communal area, Molapowabojang, Digawana and Mogojogojo. First round of vaccination is on-going in zone 13 in the affected farms and farms at risk.

**The movement restrictions are thus revised as follows:**

1. Movement restrictions in zones 1 and 2 remains unchanged as below:
  - (i) Movement of cloven hooved animals within disease control zones 1 and 2 remains unchanged.
  - (ii) Movement of beef that satisfied commodity-based trade (CBT) requirements from zone 2 (BMC – Maun) is **allowed** to the rest of the country under veterinary permit and seal.
  - (iii) Movement of cloven hooved animals and beef from zone 2 into zone 1 is **allowed** with a permit and a seal.
  - (iv) Export of cloven-hoofed derived products is **allowed** subject to import requirements of the importing country.
2. Movement restrictions in the infected zones (6b and 3c- Maitengwe) remains unchanged as below:

- i. Movement of cloven hooved animals into, out of and within zones 6b and 3c-Maitengwe **remains prohibited**.
- ii. Slaughter for social events in zone 3c- Maitengwe is **allowed** after favorable health inspection by veterinary official (Mokenti).
- iii. Movement of fresh cloven-hoofed animal derived products **out of** zones 3c-Maitengwe and 6b **remains prohibited**. However, movement into and within the zones is **allowed** without a permit.
- iv. **Direct** movement of cloven hooved derived fresh product between zone 6b and 3c (Maitengwe) is **allowed** without a veterinary movement permit.

3. Movement restrictions in zones 3b, 4a and 7 are revised as below:

- i. Movement of live cloven-hoofed animals from zones 3b, 4a and 7 into zone 1 and 2 is **allowed** under a veterinary permit for breeding (after vaccination and quarantine) and direct slaughter.
- ii. Movement of cloven-hoofed animals within a zone (3b, 4a and 7) for direct slaughter is **allowed** at registered slaughter facilities within the zone (3b, 4a and 7) or in zones 3c(Dukwi), 4b, 5, 6a 8, 9 and 10.
- iii. Slaughter for social events is **allowed**.
- iv. Movement of fresh products derived from **cloven-hoofed wildlife and game is allowed** and subjected to the same movement conditions as for livestock products.
- v. Movement of cloven hooved derived fresh products out of zones 3b, 4a and 7 is **allowed without** a movement permit **except** to zones 11, 12 and 13 where movement is **allowed** under a veterinary permit and seal. The fresh products shall be released from the slaughter facility and transported in accordance with the Livestock and Meat Industries Act CAB 36.03 of 2007.

4. Movement restrictions in zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, 6a 8, 9 and 10 are revised as follows:

- i. Movement of live cloven-hoofed animals into, out of and within zones 3c Dukwi, 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10 **remains prohibited, except** for **direct** slaughter at registered slaughter facilities **at any** of these zones.
- ii. Slaughter for social events is **allowed** and the derived fresh products are **only allowed** to move within zones 3c Dukwi, 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10.
- iii. Movement of fresh products derived from **cloven-hoofed wildlife and game is allowed** and subjected to the same movement conditions as for livestock products.
- iv. Movement of fresh products derived from cloven-hoofed animals is **allowed** within a zone and between zones 3c Dukwi, 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10 **without** a movement permit.

- v. Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a, 3b and 7) and registered FMD free compartments is **allowed** into zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10 **without a movement permit**.
- vi. Movement of fresh products derived from cloven-hoofed animals slaughtered at registered slaughter facilities from zones 3c Dukwi, 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10 is **allowed** into zones 11, 12 and 13 under veterinary movement permit in sealed trucks. The fresh products shall be released from the slaughter facility and transported in accordance with the Livestock and Meat Industries Act CAB 36.03 of 2007.
- vii. Transit of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from FMD free zones (4a and 3b) and registered FMD free compartments through zones 3c (Dukwi), 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10 is **allowed** in sealed containers or trucks under veterinary movement permit.

5. Movement restrictions in zones 11,12 and 13 are revised as follows:

- (i) Movement of all cloven-hoofed animals **remains prohibited** in zones 11,12 and 13. The prohibition includes transport or slaughter of cloven-hoofed animals for personal use or social events (weddings, funerals, megoga etc.).
- (ii) Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from zones 3b, 3c (Dukwi), 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10 and registered FMD free compartments is **allowed** into zones 11, 12 and 13 under permit and seal.
- (iii) Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products is allowed within a zone without a movement permit.
- (iv) Hunting of cloven-hoofed wild animals is not allowed, except in zone 12 where meat derived from the hunted animals shall be consumed within the farm where the hunting took place or the meat processed into bone dry biltong. The trophies shall be quarantined and treated with an approved disinfectant before being released for movement. Personnel engaged in the hunting and processing of trophies shall undergo quarantine for 3 days.
- (v) Transit of cloven hoofed derived fresh products from FMD zones 3b, 3c Dukwi, 4a, 4b, 5, 6a, 8, 9 and 10 and registered FMD free compartments through zones 11,12 and 13 is **allowed** in sealed containers or trucks under veterinary movement permit and seal. The fresh products shall be released from the slaughter facility and transported in accordance with the Livestock and Meat Industries Act CAB 36.03 of 2007.
- (vi) Movement cloven-hoofed derived fresh products out of the containment zone is not allowed unless authorized.**
- (vii) Movement of livestock feeds, trophies, skins (dikgole) and hooves, **out** of zones 11 and 13 remains **prohibited**, except milled feed or treated by-products.
- (viii) Movement of livestock feeds into and within a zone for zones 11,12 and 13 is allowed without a permit.

6. Movement of cloven-hoofed fresh products into and within zone 17 is **allowed** without a permit. Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh product out of zone 17 is **not allowed**.
7. Movement of livestock feeds, trophies, skins (dikgole) and hooves, **within** zones 3c-Dukwi,4a,3b, 4b, 5, 6a,7, 8, 9 and 10 is allowed.
8. Movement of cloven-hoofed derived fresh products from BMC Lobatse is allowed to move within zone 11 without a permit and to the rest of the country under permit and seal.
9. Export of cloven-hoofed derived products is allowed subject to import requirements of the importing country
10. Import of cloven-hoofed derived products is allowed subject to import requirements.

**Note:**

1. Processed products include but not limited to thoroughly cooked meat, pasteurized and UHT milk, madila (sour milk), brittle dry biltong (segwapa), precooked meat products.
2. Vacuum packing is not considered processing of fresh products.

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 Service or Botswana Police Service** offices.

**The press release supersedes the previously announced movement protocols.**

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