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PRESS RELEASE

SOUTH AFRICA REGAINS FOOT AND MOUTH FREE ZONE STATUS WHERE VACCINATION IS NOT PRACTICED

A part of the Republic of South Africa has regained the Foot and Mouth free zone status without vaccination as of 14 February 2014 according to the official letter from the International Animal Health Organisation (OIE).

Trade from the OIE recognised Free Zone of South Africa with regard to the following commodities on commercial basis can assume with immediate effect:

- Domestic ungulates (including cattle, sheep, goats)
- Cloven hooved game (excluding buffalo)
- Fresh meat of domestic ungulates
- Partially processed / raw hides, skins, trophies
- Commercial quantities of pork including for own consumption

For the importation of livestock, the following documents are required:

- Veterinary Import Permit
- Livestock improvement permit

For the importation of game, the following documents are required:

- Veterinary Import Permit
- Ministry of Environment and Tourism Permit
- CITES permit for certain game species

For the importation of fresh meat of domestic ungulates, the following documents are required:

- Veterinary Import Permit
- Meat board permit

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For the importation of partially processed / raw hides, skins, trophies, the following documents are required:

- Veterinary import permit
- MET / CITES permits in the case of game

Individuals travelling from South Africa to Namibia will also be able to import meat for **own consumption** according to the bilateral agreement between Namibia and South Africa. This bilateral agreement makes allowance for a maximum of 25kg meat (cattle, sheep, goat, game) per passenger vehicle and maximum of 10 kg biltong / droewors per passenger vehicle without a veterinary import permit or a veterinary health certificate.

Application forms for the Veterinary Import permit can be obtained from the Import office in Windhoek (130 Robert Mugabe Ave) or on the Ministry of Agriculture website: www.mawf.gov.na

Completed forms can be faxed to 0886551297. For enquiries regarding the permit, please contact Elizabeth or Olivia at the Import Office at 061 276 592.

For livestock improvement permits, please phone 061 208 7540 for enquiries and permit applications.


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