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ATTENTION ALL IMPORTERS

IMPORTATION RESTRICTION NOTICE:

RE: THE IMPORT OF CLOVEN-HOOFED ANIMALS AND THEIR PRODUCTS FROM GERMANY TO SOUTH AFRICA: FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE OUTBREAK IN GERMANY

Dear Importer

An outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) has occurred in Germany (WOAH immediate notification report number IN_171454, dated 10 January 2025).

We hereby confirm that the Directorate Animal Health has decided to place trade restrictions on cloven-hoofed animals and products derived from cloven hooved animals originating from Germany until further notice. No new veterinary import permits will be issued for cloven-hoofed animals and their products and all unused veterinary import permits will be cancelled with immediate effect. Unused veterinary import permits must be returned to the Permit Office.

The veterinary authority of Germany has been informed that with immediate effect, no veterinary health certificates be issued for consignments of cloven-hoofed animals and their products destined for South Africa from Germany. However, it was indicated that the veterinary health certificates for products treated according to the WOAHS terrestrial animal health code to inactivate FMD virus may be renegotiated.

The following cut-off date will be applied:

Consignments containing products packed for departure on or after 12 December 2024 will be rejected and returned to Germany or destroyed at the cost of the importer.

According to the WOAHS terrestrial animal health code the incubation period is regarded as 14 days. Consignments will be accepted if they are produced 2 incubation periods, that is 28 days, before the start date of the outbreak. According to the WOAHS immediate notification report the date of the "start of the event" was 9 January 2025.

Please note that in the case of meat, a reefer container will be regarded as a consignment and will be handled as an entity. We will not allow cartons to be sorted according to date of production.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Kind regards



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DIRECTOR: ANIMAL HEALTH

Date: 16 January 2025

