



4 February 2019

Dear Milk SA Levy Payer

FOOT AND MOUTH (FMD) OUTBREAK AND ACTIONS TO FACILITATE TRADE

1. Since the announcement of the FMD outbreak the Customs and Market Access Project of Milk SA was continuously in contact with the Animal Health Directorate of the National Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and the National Animal Health Organisation (NAHO). On 23 January 2019 a meeting took place between the Project of Milk SA and the Import-Export Unit to share information and discuss the status of the outbreak and further actions needed.
2. The National Animal Health Organisation, of which Milk SA is a member, immediately after the announcement of the FMD outbreak, contacted the Government and they have set up three task teams to address the outbreak, namely:
 - FMD Technical Task Team (The CEO of the MPO is a member of the task team);
 - FMD Trade Task team (The manager of the abovementioned Milk SA project, is a member of this task team; and
 - Communications Task team.
3. All the media briefs and press releases were forwarded to the industry by Milk SA and we will keep on doing it.
4. Following the first meeting with the FMD Trade Task Team on 28 January 2019, the feedback can be summarised as follows:
 - (a) The Chairman gave feedback on the technical issues;
 - (b) In the trade commodity consultations Dr Kapenzi reported that the markets for dairy products to Botswana, Namibia and Lesotho were reopened and that the local state veterinarians should not have a problem certifying the consignments. Negotiations with Swaziland on import requirements are still in process;

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Lede / Members: Milk Producers' Organisation NPC and the SA Milk Processors' Organisation (Association not for gain)

Milk SA is a specialized qualifying small enterprise B-BBEEE service provider, level four - as verified by EMPOWERDEX / Melk SA is 'n gespesialiseerde kwalifiserende klein onderneming B-BBEEE diensverskaffer, vlak 4 - soos deur EMPOWERDEX geverifieer

Milk SA is a Non-Profit Company (NPC) / Melk SA is 'n maatskappy sonder winsoogmerk (MSW) (Maatskappyreg nr / Company reg no 2002/032020/08)

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- (c) Mozambique has amended its import permit and exporters should apply for new permits;
 - (d) Negotiations with Angola, Bahrain, DRC, China, Egypt, Hong Kong, Jordan, Kuwait Oman, Qatar, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Seychelles, Zambia and Zimbabwe, are still ongoing and DAFF is awaiting response from the different countries;
 - (e) Mauritius is the only country that imposed a total ban on animals and products derived from animals;
5. All other countries not mentioned in the list, the Import /Export Unit of the Directorate Animal Health, proposed that exporters must obtain an import permit from the particular country and discuss the import requirements with your local state veterinarian. If the local veterinarian is not satisfied with the requirements, the particular permit the provincial veterinarian must forward the import permit to the Import /Export Unit of the Directorate Animal Health for evaluation and possible renegotiations with the particular country.
 6. Please keep the project of Milk SA informed if you do experience such issues and keep in mind that no permit dated prior to 7 January 2019 will be certified by your local veterinarians.
 7. Don't hesitate to contact the project manager by mail at dewet@sampro.co.za if you need any more information.

Kind regard

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