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MOVEMENT CONTROL PROTOCOL – NUMBER 1. FOR AFRICAN SWINE FEVER CONTROL MEASURES GAUTENG PROVINCE FOR PIGS AND PIG PRODUCTS

MOVEMENT CONTROL MEASURES

ASF outbreaks confirmed in Mpumalanga, Gauteng, North-West and the Free State provinces have necessitated this movement control protocol.

This Movement Protocol sets out the movement control measures for pigs and pig products according to the provisions in the Animal Diseases Act 35 of 1984 (Act) and the Animal Diseases Regulations (Regulations).

According to the provisions of the Animal Diseases Regulations, all movements of pigs and pig products into, within, through and out of a Quarantined Area/farm must be accompanied by a permit unless exempted from such a requirement (Regulation 20(1) (a) (vii)). According to Section 19(4) of the Act, **animals and products that are transported without a permit may be confiscated and destroyed without the owner being entitled to compensation.**

1. Quarantined farm

- 1.1. **NO** pigs and pig products (including pork, pork products and pig genetic material) may move **OUT OF, INTO, WITHIN** the quarantine farms.
- 1.2. **Under special conditions movements** of pigs and pig products (including pork, pork products and pig genetic material) **OUT OF, INTO, WITHIN** the Quarantine farms are only allowed with a red –cross permit issued by the permit offices stipulated above.

2. Permit control

- 2.1. The required red-cross movement permits will only be **issued by the State Veterinarian / delegated official responsible for the area of origin** (point of departure) of the particular pig, pig product, pork or pig genetic material.

- 2.2. Permits will only be issued per consignment and clearly state the number of pigs to move (for live pig movements).
- 2.3. It is not necessarily a requirement that there will be an inspection on the farm when issuing a permit.
- 2.4. The State Veterinarian of destination has to be informed by the state veterinarian at origin of all movements that require a permit to receive consignment.
- 2.5. NO pigs can be sold, received, moved or a permit issued if the pigs are not identified according to the Animal Identification Act, 2002 (Act 6 of 2002).
3. Prohibition of sale of live pigs at Auction Pens
- 3.1. No live pigs may be auctioned in any auction pen throughout Gauteng Province.
- 3.2. Under no circumstances may the pens of an auction pen/site be used for holding live pigs, whether temporarily or more permanently.
4. Movement of pigs not under quarantine
- 4.1. Pigs and pig products (including pork, pork products and pig genetic material) may move **OUT OF, INTO, WITHIN** a farm not under veterinary Quarantine without a permit.
- 4.2. It is, however, strongly advised that movements of pigs be drastically restricted until further notice.
- 4.3. If movement is absolute necessary, all buyers should insist on a declaration from sellers that pigs come from a healthy herd. Pigs should only be bought from reputable farmers.
- 4.4. Abattoir owners may insist on a veterinary movement permit/health certificate before healthy pigs are slaughtered. Ordinary veterinary movement permits can be issued after inspection by an official from the department or health certificates can be obtained from the owner's private veterinarian. The ordinary veterinary movement permit should also be accompanied by a declaration from the owner that pigs come from a healthy herd.

Yours sincerely,



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