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**PRESS RELEASE**

**RE: LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS: FMD OUTBREAK AT LINYANTI, SABELO, KIKIYA, MUKETELA AND KAPANI.**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry would like to announce the lifting of restrictions following the successful containment of the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) which was detected at Linyanti, Sabelo, Kikiya, Muketela and Kapani villages, Linyanti and Sibbinda Constituencies, Zambezi Region since 1 December 2014.

Since the detection of the outbreak, areas within 40 km of the above 5 foci were designated containment zones. Restrictions on livestock movements and movement of other potentially infectious materials within and from the region to outside the region were put in place since the beginning of the outbreak. The entire cattle population in Zambezi Region was protected by vaccination against Foot and Mouth Disease. Constant and intensive FMD surveillance has been going on to detect any further outbreaks. Awareness campaigns for farmers and general public in the affected areas and in the rest of Zambezi Region were implemented.

All indications are that the outbreak of FMD in the previously affected areas has been successfully contained and hence the decision to lift the restrictions that were imposed in the region with immediate effect.

This means that livestock may now move within Zambezi Region under cover of an official movement permit issued by the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) for various purposes such as for local sale, quarantine, slaughter or exchange.

Commodities such as meat, milk and plant materials may now be moved within the region and do not require an official veterinary permit. The moratorium to ban meat movements from

Katima Mulilo Abattoir has also been lifted, however such movement is **not** allowed into areas south of the veterinary cordon fence.

Movement other potentially infectious materials such as grass, skins, game trophies to the south of the veterinary cordon fence is also not allowed.

The Ministry would like to thank the staff of the Directorate of Veterinary Services in Zambezi Region and all stakeholders, particularly farmers for their cooperation and assistance in dealing with the outbreak.

For further information please contact the Chief Veterinary Officer (+264-61 2087512/3) or your nearest state veterinarian.

  
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