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SIGHTING OF AN AFRICAN BUFFALO IN EISEB BLOCK OF OMAHEKE REGION

The Directorate of Veterinary Services has received a report of the sighting of an African Buffalo (*Syncerus Cafer*) in Ouje village in Eiseb block in Omaheke region on 07 May 2018. In line with the provisions of the Animal Health act, 1 of 2011, Namibia does not allow African buffalo outside national parks.

As a result, the following precautionary measures have been put in place till further notice:

1. All areas, farms and neighbouring farming units in Eiseb, Otjinene, Rietfontein and Epukiro are hereby declared as restricted areas where cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, cloven hoofed game and any cloven animal and their products may not be moved into and out with immediate effect.
2. All animals' gatherings activities and animals and animal products in transit in the restricted areas have been suspended till further notice.
1. A team of Veterinary and Wildlife officials are being deployed in the area tracking with the purpose of destroying the buffalo.
2. Movement of all processed ready to eat products i.e. sour milk, dry salted biltong, cheese, butter, yoghurt and other ready to eat products is allowed into and out of the restricted area.
3. Roadblocks will be set up at strategic points in order to ensure compliance with the above measures.
4. Cancellation of all issued veterinary movement permits for animals originating from Eiseb, Eiseb, Otjinene, Rietfontein and Epukiro.
5. Intensified disease surveillance activities in susceptible livestock population by veterinary officials have commenced in accordance with existing protocols.

Regular updates will be provided.


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