

To: Residents in the 10km radius around Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak

**RE: INSPECTION OF CLOVEN HOOFED ANIMALS**

We are currently experiencing a Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak on a dairy farm in the Hartenbos vicinity.

This viral disease affects all cloven hoofed animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, pigs and game animals.

At this stage it is not known how far the disease has spread.

In terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act 35 of 1984) FMD is a controlled disease and our officials from State Veterinary Services need to inspect cloven hoofed animals in the radius surrounding the outbreak to check for possible lesions (in the mouth, on teats and on hoofs) and to collect samples (where applicable) for testing and surveillance.

When visiting the properties our officials will also complete a census form to capture all animals present on the property for surveillance purposes.

We request your cooperation to assist our officials in these inspection and sampling in order to control this disease.

Yours Sincerely



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