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## **SUSPECTED OUTBREAK OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) IN NGAMILAND**

### COMMUNICATION FROM BOTSWANA

The following communication, received on 19 June 2018, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Botswana.

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1. WTO Members are hereby informed of the suspected outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) in Naune crush, Sehithwa extension area in Ngamiland district. This follows reports from farmers of sighting cattle that were showing suspicious signs. Officials from the Department of Veterinary Services followed up the allegations and found five (5) animals that were showing signs that are consistent with the disease.
  2. As a result of these findings the slaughter and movement of all cloven hoofed animals and their fresh products within and out of the Sehithwa, Toteng, Bodibeng, Kareng and Semboyo extension areas are suspended until further notice. Vaccinations have commenced.
  3. Export of all meat products from export slaughter and processing plants produced in the last 30 days in Ngamiland is suspended. This outbreak had no bearing on EU export zones.
  4. Farmers have been urged and required to cooperate with ministry officials and round up animals. They are also expected to report any sick cattle without delay.
  5. WTO Members will be informed of any developments as more information becomes available.
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