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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOR OWN USE FROM THE OFFICIALLY RECOGNISED FMD FREE AREAS (WITHOUT VACCINATION) OF NAMIBIA, BOTSWANA, SWAZILAND AND LESOTHO, ONLY

(In terms of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No 35 of 1984) and the Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act 40 of 2000))

1. General conditions

Note: **VIP** : Veterinary Import Permit **VHC** : Veterinary Health Certificate

- a) This dispensation is limited to animal products forming part of travellers' personal luggage and intended for their personal use. **It may not be sold or disposed of in any way other than by own consumption / use.**
- b) Only limited quantities may be imported.
- c) Veterinary import permits are issued by the permit office of the Directorate Veterinary Services in Pretoria (Tel 012 319 7514 / -7414 / -7632 / -7503; fax 012 329 8292; InaL@nda.agric.za). Enquiries in this regard can be directed here as well.
- d) Enquiries regarding border control can be addressed to either :
 - Mr DP Botes, Tel: 012 319 6363; Cell: 082 783 3400 ; Fax: 0866 107 635 (preferably) or 012 319 6350 or DannyB@nda.agric.za
 - Ms A Steyn , Tel: 012 319 7418 ; Cell: 082 960 8486; Fax: 012 319 7529 / -7491 / 329 8292 or AmandaS@nda.agric.za
(NO permit applications will be accepted at these fax numbers)
- e) This dispensation may be cancelled or changed on short notice.
- f) The South African Department of Agriculture does not accept any responsibility for the safety of products imported for own consumption.
- g) Only clean containers may be used for packaging, e.g. no second-hand hessian / jute bags may be used for the transport of products e.g. mopani worms.
- h) Animals and animal products that require a veterinary import permit (including larger quantities for own use) may only be imported through the following border posts:
 - Botswana : Ramatlabama, Groblersbrug, Skilpadshek
 - Lesotho : Maseru Bridge
 - Namibia : Vioolsdrift, Nakop or in transit through Botswana via Ramatlabama, Skilpadshek & Groblersbrug
 - Swaziland : Oshoek and Golela

No other border posts will be considered, unless approved in advance (2 weeks before arrival at the border post) by the Director Veterinary Services

- i) Small quantities of commodities that do not require veterinary import documentation may be imported as own use through any port of entry if it is clearly part of personal luggage. Border post control officials may refuse entry of such products at any time if the concession is misused.
- j) A South African VIP and VHC from the neighbouring country are required for animal products for own use from the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) control/surveillance/vaccination e.g. red line areas, and for products derived from wild or domesticated pigs, eg warthog biltong. **Please note:** permits for these commodities will be considered on an individual basis and might not be granted.
- k) In order to qualify as a person in terms of this guideline, the person must be older than 12 years.

2. Importation of Edible Animal Products

2.1 Raw Products

- No raw pork and/or meat from wild pigs may be imported for own use without a VIP. Permit conditions for warthog biltong will stipulate they have been processed to ensure the satisfactory inactivation of the African swine fever virus (must be proven scientifically).
- **A maximum of 25 kg meat** (cattle, game, sheep, goats or poultry - pork & meat from wild pigs excluded) and a **maximum of 10kg biltong per person** may be imported without a South African VIP or VHC from the FMD free areas in the exporting country.
- > 25kg – 250kg meat per importer. South African VIP and VHC from the exporting country are required. **Note:** If written motivation is made and a copy of the hunting invitation/booking form provided, the Director Veterinary Services will consider increasing this amount to **500 kg**.
- > 10kg –100kg biltong per hunter. South African VIP and VHC from the exporting country are required.
- Consignments exceeding these amounts per importer are not regarded as being imported for own consumption. The importer must apply for a **commercial veterinary import permit** and comply with those conditions.

2.2 Other Processed Meats (canned, cooked, polony, brawn, etc)

A total mass of 25kg per person may be imported without a South African VIP or VHC from the country of origin. If the 25kg limit is exceeded a South African VIP and VHC from the exporting country have to be obtained.

2.3 Dairy Products

10 kg or litres of dairy products per person may be imported without a South African VIP or VHC from the exporting country.

2.4 Eggs

2½ dozen poultry eggs or 4 ostrich eggs per person may be imported without a South African VIP or VHC from the exporting country.

3. Importation of Inedible Animal Products for Own Use (FMD-free areas)

Conditions

This dispensation is limited to animal products forming part of travellers' personal luggage and intended for their personal use. The responsible official at the port of entry will judge the quantity of inedible products allowed.

The general conditions stipulated under "General Conditions" , Items 1-2 will also apply.

Limited numbers/volume of the following products may be imported for own use without a veterinary import permit or a veterinary health certificate:

- Mats and rugs made from fully processed animal skins
- Fully processed leather articles (shoes, handbags, curio's, sjamboks, leather whips and other articles containing leather) and fully mounted trophies
- Duvets/pillows (fully processed products containing feathers/down)
- Ostrich eggs – without contents, plain or painted

Limited numbers/volume of the following products may be imported for own use without a veterinary import permit but require a veterinary health certificate

- Curios containing the following raw products provided a Veterinary Health Certificate is produced to prove that they do not originate from the FMD area.
 - Curios, drums containing dry raw unprocessed hides & skins or items from game trophies
 - Bone(s), horns, hooves, claws, antlers or teeth in small quantities which must have been treated to ensure that any matter other than bone, horns, hooves, claws, antlers or teeth is removed. A certificate to that effect must be provided by the veterinary services of the country of origin.

The following products may not be imported, or brought into South Africa for own use, without a veterinary import permit:

- Any animal or animal product from the foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) surveillance (red line) areas
- Any edible product where the mass exceeds the limits prescribed in this document.
- Raw pork or meat from wild pigs ; Biltong from pigs (e.g. warthogs)
- Inedible animal products imported for commercial purposes (The responsible official at the port of entry will judge the quantity of inedible products allowed for own use)
- Raw unprocessed or partially processed trophies
- Curios containing dry raw unprocessed hides & skins or items from game trophies originating from the FMD infected zone.
- Bones, teeth, antlers, claws or horns in large quantities.
- Bone meal, carcass meal
- Live animals (excluding dogs and cats), live poultry or birds
- Second-hand hessian / jute bags ;
- Feathers / Down ;
- Manure / animal waste
- Semen and embryos,
- Trout ova
- Veterinary pharmaceuticals or vaccines