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**TO: ALL DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS
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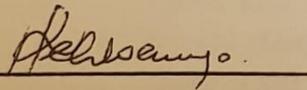
Subject: Restriction on Importation of Poultry and Poultry Products from South Africa Following an Outbreak of the Notifiable Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

The Department of Livestock Services of the Ministry of Agriculture, Marketing and Food Security has received an official communication from Directorate of Animal Health of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, in the Republic of South Africa on 15 April, 2021 confirming an outbreak of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) free Compartment, compartment number ZA18/500, a layer farm producing table eggs.

In order to minimize the risk of introduction into Lesotho, The Department of Livestock Services has instituted the following control measures with immediate effect:

- 1) Banning of importation of poultry and poultry products from Gauteng Province with immediate effect;
- 2) Importation of poultry and poultry products from the rest of South African provinces should strictly be from HPAI free compartments;
- 3) Import permits for poultry and poultry products will be issued only at the Department of Livestock Services headquarters in Maseru;
- 4) All permits that were issued on or before the 14th April 2021, which were authorizing importation of poultry and poultry products from Gauteng Province are revoked.

The Department and all concerned will continue monitoring and assessing the situation and will inform the public about any changes.



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