



FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) VACCINE DISTRIBUTION

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO FARMERS AND INDUSTRY ROLE-PLAYERS

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Dear Farmers and Industry Stakeholders,

The Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS), together with the Red Meat Producers' Organisation (RMPC), wishes to bring an important matter to the urgent attention of all farmers and role-players affected by the current Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) situation.

It has recently come to our attention that private companies and individuals are circulating messages on farmer communication groups and social media platforms, encouraging farmers to register on specific websites or systems with the claim that this will secure access to FMD vaccines.

RMIS and the RMPC would like to state unequivocally that:

- Any organisation or individual claiming that farmers can gain access to FMD vaccine by registering on their private system is acting maliciously and without merit.
- **No private entity currently has the authority to secure or distribute FMD vaccine outside of approved government processes.**

This matter has been formally escalated and addressed with the Department of Agriculture, the Ministerial Task Team, and the Industry Coordination Committee.

OFFICIAL VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

Farmers are reminded that the current distribution of FMD vaccine is being managed exclusively through government structures, specifically:

- Provincial State Veterinary Services, and
- Private veterinarians who have been formally authorised by the state.



WARNING TO FARMERS AND INDUSTRY ROLE-PLAYERS

RMIS strongly cautions all farmers and industry participants to disregard and avoid engaging with any requests to register on private platforms claiming vaccine access, refrain from sharing personal, farm, or livestock information with unverified entities, and report such communications to their provincial veterinary services or recognised industry bodies.

ASSURANCE TO THE INDUSTRY

RMIS wishes to provide firm assurance to all farmers that when and if government approval is granted for broader industry participation in vaccine procurement, and once the appropriate engagement processes are concluded, clear and official communication will be issued through recognised structures and channels.

No farmer will be disadvantaged by not registering on any private or unofficial system.

Yours sincerely,
Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS)

In collaboration with the
Red Meat Producers' Organisation (RMPC)