



Republic Of Botswana

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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To: All Media Houses

PRESS RELEASE

SUSPENSION OF IMPORTATION OF POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

1. The farming community, stakeholders and the general public are reminded that importation of poultry and poultry products from South Africa remains suspended on account of ongoing outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in South Africa.
2. The dispensation to import (layers, hatching eggs and day old chicks) from HPAI free compartments has been suspended while the list of free compartments is reviewed in consultation with the RSA veterinary authorities.
3. Therefore, all import permits issued for poultry and poultry products from South Africa have been cancelled with immediate effect.
4. Movement of fresh poultry products originating from other countries transiting through South Africa is allowed with a permit.
5. The public is urged to report any deaths of domestic poultry and wild birds to the nearest veterinary office.
6. For further information on this matter contact Mr M. Moesi at 3689115 or mmoesi@gov.bw and Dr. O. Kemolatlhe at 3689517 or okemolatlhe@gov.bw.

Yours Faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kefentse MOTSHEGWA', is written over a horizontal line.

Kefentse MOTSHEGWA
DIRECTOR OF VETERINARY SERVICES