



Industry Update

13 March 2026

Through the JWG structure, regulatory work and the operational rollout of vaccine is starting to work together in a more practical way. This moves us closer to the goal of a faster, scalable national response.

The updates below provide the latest verified information as this work continues.

FMD ICC Priorities for Engagement

- *Alignment between national and provincial response measures through a National Implementation Platform.*
- *Joint technical workshop to resolve issues faster and shorten decision timelines for regulatory updates.*
- *Letter requesting clarification on reports of BVI vaccines being imported into South Africa.*
- *Letter to the Minister requesting transparency on the price paid for imported vaccines and clarification on what is meant by free vaccine, including what costs are included or excluded.*

National Operational Coordination

At the JWG meeting on 6 March, members agreed that the complexity of the national response requires a clear and coordinated operational rollout.

The FMD ICC proposed developing a National Implementation Platform to align responsibilities, capabilities and resources across the Department of Agriculture and industry role players. The platform then acts as the national operations centre coordinating and implementing the work streams across all 9 provinces¹.

¹ *Provinces currently implement the National Rollout Plan differently. The FMD ICC raised this at the JWG meeting. Improving alignment between national and provincial rollout remains a priority.*

Regulatory

Section 9 sets the legal control measures used during an outbreak, including restrictions on the movement of animals. The national FMD Contingency Plan applies these measures in practice and therefore forms part of Section 9.

Previous updates mentioned publication dates for updated measures, but these remain under review.

The FMD ICC has proposed a joint workshop between the Department of Agriculture, the MTT and the FMD ICC to resolve technical issues faster and shorten decision timelines.

RMIS has made legal counsel available to SAHPRA to prepare a memorandum on the supply and administration of FMD vaccines. This will form the basis of standard operating procedures (SOPs) to ensure applications by private companies to import vaccines are processed efficiently in future.

The FMD ICC will continue to update stakeholders and provide practical guidance as the national response progresses.

- *Please raise any implementation issues through your industry representatives.*
- *If you want to report or raise something anonymously, you can send it to 073 786 7363 on WhatsApp.*
- *If you notice clinical signs of FMD in your animals such as limping, mouth or nose lesions, or excessive drooling/salivation - whether current or anytime in the past three months - please send only the GPS coordinates from the nearest S-road or main road to the same number.*
- *You are not required to submit any information that can identify you.*

Note to Media:

- *All media enquiries must be directed to Sara-Lea van Eeden, FMD ICC Communications Lead, at sara-lea@s-ellepr.com.*
- *A minimum lead time of 24 hours is required.*
- *While we recognise the pressure of news deadlines and will always aim to respond as soon as possible and meet deadlines, the operating environment is dynamic, which may at times affect response timelines.*

All media requests must include the following information:

- *Your deadline*
- *Preferred format (for example: live or pre-recorded interview, telephonic, in-person, online, email interview, or written comment)*
- *The specific focus of your enquiry (for example: scientific or animal health matters, economic or trade impact, or operational response)*
- *The specific questions you would like addressed*

Responses are coordinated across all nine FMD ICC members and this procedure enables the FMD ICC to provide you with accurate responses that support responsible and factual reporting during a national crisis.