

Foot-and-mouth disease



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Consumer concerns

WHAT THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW



- ❖ **People cannot normally get foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) by consuming meat and milk.**
- ❖ **It only affects cloven-hoofed (two-toed) animals such as cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, buffalo and all types of antelope.**
- ❖ **Horses, cats and dogs cannot get the disease.**

❖ **People and animals can carry this disease to susceptible animals such as cattle or pigs. Therefore, try not to visit restricted areas (Camperdown vicinity in KwaZulu-Natal and Middelburg vicinity in Mpumalanga).**

❖ **Meat and dairy products are safe to consume. It is always advisable to buy from a reputable dealer and not from the street.**

If you are going on holiday, be aware of the following:

There will be roadblocks in certain parts of the country to prevent FMD from spreading to susceptible animals in other areas.

❖ **This is to prevent infected animals or animal products from leaving FMD-infected areas.**

❖ **There will be no problem if you are transporting meat for own consumption as long as it is from an FMD-free area such as Gauteng, Northern Province, North West, Free State, Northern Cape, Eastern Cape, Western Cape and the FMD-free areas of Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal. It is advised that your meat is prepackaged and accompanied by an original invoice as proof of purchase.**

Foot-and-mouth disease is of international importance, therefore, let us work together to control this disease

**For further information contact our
toll-free number 0800 007017
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