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NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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AAN / TO: Alle belanghebbendes / All concerned

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KRITIES DAT BOERE NOU SLENKDALENTSTOF BESTEL !

Die eerste uitbraak van Slenkdalkoors sedert 2011 is op 28 April 2018 naby Jacobsdal in die Letsemeng plaaslike munisipaliteit in die Vrystaat aangemeld. Volgens die amptelike OIE verslag soos gerapporteer deur Departement Landbou, Bosbou en Visserye het 250 skape uit 'n trop van 600 gevrek.

Wolproduksiestatistiek van Cape Wools SA (CWSA) toon dat wolverliese van nagenoeg 7 147 miljoen kilogram ter waarde van R750 miljoen tydens vorige uitbrake van Slenkdalkoors tussen 2010 en 2012 voorgekom het. Indien vleisinkomste ook in aanmerking geneem word, is dit 'n astronomiese verlies R2.253 miljard!!

Enige uitbraak van Slenkdalkoors lei verder daartoe dat uitvoere van wol na Sjina vanuit die betrokke munisipale gebied van die uitbraak verbied word. Dit geld vir alle wol wat in die voorafgaande drie maande voor ontvangs by makelaarstore uit die betrokke munisipale gebied kom waar Slenkdalkoors voorgekom het.

CRITICAL TIME FOR FARMERS TO ORDER RIFT VALLEY VACCINES

The first outbreak of Rift Valley Fever (RFV) since 2011 was reported on 28 April close to Jacobsdal district in the Letsemeng local municipality in the Free State. According to the official OIE report as presented by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF), 250 sheep from a flock of 600 died.

Wool production statistics from Cape Wools SA (CWSA) project losses of approximately 7 147 million kg wool to the value of R750 million during previous outbreak of RVF during 2010 and 2012. Taking the meat component into consideration, an astronomical loss of R2.253 billion is evident!!

Any outbreak of RVF further results that the export of wool to China from the relevant municipal areas are prohibited. This applies to all wool that came from municipal areas concerned in the preceding three months prior to receipt at the Brokers' store where Rift Valley Fever occurred.

Mnr. Leon de Beer, hoofbestuurder van die NWKV rig 'n ernstige, dog dringende versoek aan boere om onmiddelik bestellings vir Slenkdalentstof by kooperasies te plaas sodat Onderstepoort Biologiese Produkte (OBP) 'n aanduiding kan kry van die behoefte na entsof en gevolglik betyds voldoende entstof kan vervaardig. Veeatse maan dat Slenkdalkoorsuitbrake in die komende seisoen verwag kan word.

Produsente word verder versoek om met hul plaaslike veearts te skakel vir professionele advies om hul kuddes teen die siekte te beskerm en 'n herhaling van die gevolge van die vorige uitbraak te verhoed.

Mr. Leon de Beer, general manager of the NWGA directs a serious but urgent request to farmers to immediately place orders for the RFV vaccine at cooperatives in order for Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) to get an indication of the need for the vaccine and consequently, produce sufficient volumes. Veterinarians forecast a strong possibility of Rift Valley Fever outbreaks in the coming season.

Producers are further requested to consult with their local veterinarians for professional advice to protect their flock against the disease and to prevent the recurrence of the effects of the previous outbreak.

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