



Industry Update

18 September 2026

The updates below provide the latest verified information.

- 1. Outstanding decisions from the Minister of Agriculture*
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1. Outstanding Decisions from the Minister of Agriculture & Department of Agriculture

The Section 10 Routine Vaccination Scheme and the authorised person route created new ways for farmers to protect their herds. These routes are working, but a set of outstanding decisions is holding them back from their full effect. The ICC has raised these matters in letters and meetings in recent months, and has now formally requested decisions and dates from the Minister of Agriculture on the following:

- The appointment of the Section 10 Committee. Nominations were submitted in May 2026 and owners cannot participate under the scheme until the Committee is appointed. The matter was raised with the Minister on 15 July and 2 September and remains outstanding.
- A decision on whether vaccination will become compulsory, and whether the State will fund the vaccine. If State funding is not possible, a clear statement to that effect will allow the value chain to plan on facts rather than speculation. Linked to this, the ICC has asked the Department of Agriculture to confirm government's objective and timeline for bringing FMD under control and regaining South Africa's FMD-free status.
- A verified statement of the total number of vaccine doses imported to date, so that the Department, industry and the public work from one confirmed set of figures.
- The criteria used to prioritise the allocation of available vaccine.
- The meeting on the consolidation of vaccination data, which the Minister instructed the Department to arrange at the Joint Working Group meeting on 2

September. The ICC followed up with the Department the following week. The meeting has not been convened and no date has been given. This remains unresolved. Resolving it is critical to the FMD response moving forward.

Three of these matters come down to the same problem: the national response is running without one verified set of data. Import figures, allocation decisions and vaccination records must reconcile against each other before anyone can say with confidence what has been done and what remains. This is what the data consolidation meeting is for, and why the ICC keeps asking for it. These decisions determine whether the value chain can plan, trade and recover. The ICC has asked for answers and dates, and will report the outcome to industry in coming updates.

2. Vaccine allocation: MTT and veterinary working group meeting

The MTT and the veterinary working group meet on Monday 21 September.

The ICC has requested the criteria for allocating available vaccine four times this year: in a letter to the Department and the MTT in January, in a formal request to the MTT Chairperson in April, at the Joint Working Group in June, and again in the August update, where the ICC noted that how allocation decisions are made, and which structure makes them, remains unclear.

Monday's meeting is the opportunity to settle this. The ICC has asked that the prioritisation criteria be confirmed at the meeting and communicated to industry afterwards. The outcome will be reported in the next update.

3. Vaccination Rollout Plan

As reported in the 4 August update, the Minister asked the ICC to table a plan for the vaccination rollout. It will be presented to the Minister and implementation will begin. Current legislation already makes provision for industry to carry the rollout forward. The plan provides for government participation at every stage, but industry can no longer wait.

4. LIVE Vaccine Rollout Dashboard

The live vaccination status dashboard can be accessed here:

<https://agrisa1904.github.io/FMD-Dashboard/>

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

- *Please raise any implementation issues directly with any FMD ICC member.*
- *Any suspicion of FMD must, immediately (within the same day), be reported to State Veterinary Services by any person who suspects the incidence of the disease. This is a legal requirement according to Section 11 and Regulation 12 of the Animal Diseases Act 35 (Act 35 of 1984). Personal contact should be made with the state veterinarian and, in case the*

responsible state veterinarian is not available, the provincial director or the office of the national Director Animal Health must be notified directly.

Note to Media:

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- *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*

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