



**PRESS STATEMENT**

**ON**

**TEMPORARY GUIDELINE FOR LIVESTOCK MOVEMENTS IN NORTHERN AND  
NORTH EASTERN UGANDA 1<sup>ST</sup>FEB - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2022**

**PRESENTED BY**

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## 1. BACKGROUND:

Northern and parts of Eastern Uganda experienced invasion of cattle keepers who moved their animals from unverified places of pasture and water for their animals (nomadic pastoralism). This group is locally referred to as "Balaalo". Their illegal movements and grazing activities have caused spread of livestock diseases and conflicts between them and community landowners. The cows straying in community gardens, attempts to grab or use community/clan land in the North attracted the attention of H.E the President who appointed sub-cabinet committee to investigate and organize to evict the indiscipline group from Community Land, Government and private land. During the course of this exercise Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries has put up measures to ensure that during this exercise the people of the affected areas should continue to breed and trade in livestock and livestock products without compromising or undermining the exercise. The guidelines will apply from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

## 2. Guidelines

- i. Livestock to move under a permit for any purpose (Breeding, slaughter or cultural functions) within the Lango, Acholi and West Nile sub regions must obtain a letters of no objection from the veterinary authorities of the district of final destination before a movement permit is issued by the DVO of the district of origin.
- ii. Livestock moving for slaughter within the operation area must go through designated stock routes. The stock routes provided for use by these animals within the operation area include; Karuma – Pakwach – Nebbi – Arua. Karuma- Gulu- Kitgum. Gulu -Amuru. Lira – ApacLira – Kitgum, Apac – Kamdini, Lira - Kamdini.
- iii. In order to have controlled coordination and monitored livestock movements during the exercise, only two stock routes will be used by breeders and for slaughter from South to North and Eastern Uganda. This will be through Karuma and Jinja Nile Bridges.

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- iv. Livestock movements from South to North and East through Karuma and Jinja must have livestock movement permits from Commissioner Animal Health.
- v. The livestock being transported must be received and acknowledged by the recipient district, and must submit a copy of the permit to the DVO or the Veterinary inspector in charge of the Abattoir or slaughter facility of the final destination.
- vi. The number of livestock permitted to move (number of livestock written on the permit) must be the number received.
- vii. No livestock shall be off-loaded before reaching the final destination specified on the movement permit or no animals shall be loaded on the way (No animals shall be added or removed on the way).
- viii. Livestock must go through the established police checkpoints and their movements shall be monitored by police up to the final destination.
- ix. Livestock shall not be allowed to move at night.
- x. Livestock shall not leave, go through or go to areas under any form of quarantine.
- xi. The stock routes specified on permits must be respected.
- xii. The District Veterinary Officers in the affected areas are allowed to issue inter-district permits for livestock moving to the districts within the Northern Region only.
- xiii. Livestock moving to South Sudan must be accompanied by international movement permits issued by the Commissioner Animal Health.

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## CONCLUSION

The public is informed that these measures are intended to prevent disease spread, allow northern Uganda people continue with their normal life, stop illegal movement of livestock within Northern and Eastern Uganda. These temporary measures will operate from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb – 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2022.

**FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rwamirama Bright Knayontore', with the date '23/2/2022' written below it.

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