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All State Veterinary Offices
All Control Animal Health Technicians
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RE: TRANSFER OF STOCK BRAND AFTER DEATH OF OWNER

Due to escalating stock theft cases related to transfer of stock brands after death of owner, DVS has decided to institute changes in dealing with stock brands transfers.

According to the Stock Brands Act 24 of 1995 Section 9(1) "*Any person acquiring in any manner any stock from estate of the deceased owner of a brand registered in respect of such stock, may apply in the prescribed form to the registrar for transfer of the registration of such brand into his or her name.*"

Section A: Transfer of Stock Brand

1. One person inheriting all of the stock from estate of deceased owner

The following documents shall be presented together with application for the transfer of the stock brand:

- identification of person (national ID or passport) inheriting the deceased owner's stock brand
- original/certified death certificate of deceased owner of stock brand
- original stock brand certificate and stock brand card of deceased owner or police declaration if lost.
- letter from Traditional Authority (if no executor is appointed) stating that this person is lawful entitled to inherit all the stock, and two (2) police declarations made by two family members certified copies of the ID of family members who made declarations indicating that he/she is entitled to inherit all the stock with attached.
- original/certified appointment letter of the executor
- letter from the executor of estate stating that the person is entitled to inherit all stock.

2. More than one person inheriting stock from estate of deceased owner

The stock brand shall only be transferred once any other person who has inherited or bought stock from the deceased estate (but not inheriting the deceased owner stock brand) has taken away his/her stock from the herd linked to that stock brand.

The person who intends to apply for transfer of the stock brand must first request for verification on the NamLITS database that all stock remaining on the deceased stock brand belong to him/her according to the letter of the Traditional Authority and two family members or appointed executor.

Section B: Cancellation of the deceased Stock Brand

If no one from the persons inheriting stock from the deceased estate applies for a transfer of the stock brand, the stock brand of the deceased shall be cancelled 3 months after the execution of the deceased estate,

Or if the deceased left no stock on his/her stock brand shall be cancelled within 1 month of the notice of death.

Section C: Request for transfer of stock or livestock movement permit

(i) Appointed executor involved

Any person requesting for transfer of stock or a livestock movement permit from any herd belonging to a deceased person must be in possession of letter from duly appointed executor of the estate.

The letter must indicate;

-species and the number of stock and the identifications (RFID numbers in case of cattle) and,
-the quantities of stock on the application for a livestock movement permit or on application for transfer of stock must not exceed the quantities stipulated by the executor in the letter.

(ii) No appointed executor involved

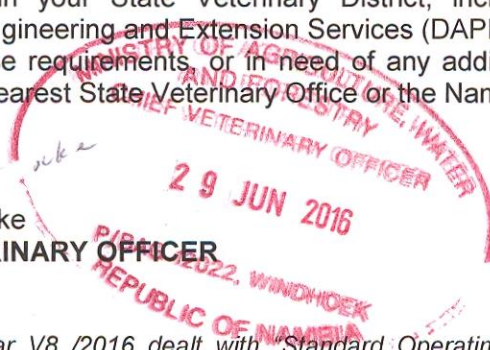
The person requesting for transfer of stock or a livestock movement permit from any herd belonging to a deceased person must be in possession of;

- Personal national ID/passport
- Certified stock brand certificate or stock brand card of deceased person or police declaration if lost.
- Original/certified identification and death certificate of the deceased person.
- Letter from Traditional Authority stating that this person is lawful entitled to inherit the stock. The total and sex of small stock and RFID ear tag numbers of cattle are to be stipulated in the letter.
- Two (2) police declarations made by two family members indicating that he/she is entitled to inherit the stock with certified identification attached.

Please note that all stock brands of any deceased owner shall be restricted and only opened by DVS official to issue livestock movement permit(s) or transfer stock to a herd belonging to any person inheriting or buying stock from the deceased owner.

You are requested to bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all staff and key stakeholders in your State Veterinary District, including the Directorate of Agricultural Production, Engineering and Extension Services (DAPEES). If stakeholders have any queries regarding these requirements, or in need of any additional information, they are advised to contact their nearest State Veterinary Office or the NamLITS Office.

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The last Circular V8 /2016 dealt with Standard Operating Procedures for Testing of Samples for Livestock Export to South Africa