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To: **All DVS Officials**  
**Meat Board of Namibia**  
**All Livestock Auctioneers**  
**Agricultural Show Societies**  
**LABTA, AAN, NNFU, ECFU, LPO, LPF and NAU**

RE: **NOTICE OF CHANGES TO ANIMAL MOVEMENT PERMIT CONDITIONS**

This instruction serves as notification of the changes to the period of validity of animal movement permits issued in terms of Animal Identification Regulations (Government Notice No.29 of 2009) and the period within which notification of animal movements must be done.

The mobility of livestock is generally high, with animals typically managed by multiple owners in multiple sites, and often gets widely dispersed throughout the country. Timeliness of notification of animal movements is critical to provide timely support to animal disease control and risk management through the ability to quickly track infected and dangerous contact animals in the event of introduction of fast-spreading trade-sensitive animal diseases.

In order to facilitate timeliness of notification of animal movements, find below a summary of changes made to the conditions of the movement permit.

1. An animal movement permit for authorising movements within the territory of Namibia is now valid for seven (7) days only.
2. Notification of movement of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs must be done within fourteen (14) days from the issue date
3. Unused permits must be returned to the issuing office for cancellation within fourteen (14) days from the issue date

Please bring the contents of this circular to the attention of all staff and key stakeholders in your state veterinary district. If in doubt regarding these requirements or need further guidance, please contact your State Veterinarian.

  
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The last Circular No.V18/2009 dealt with *Procedure for claiming DSA.*