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REMINDER TO ADMINISTER RIFT VALLEY FEVER (RVF) VACCINATION TO LIVESTOCK

The Directorate: Animal Health at the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries would like to remind all livestock owners to vaccinate their cattle, sheep and goats against Rift Valley Fever (RVF). RVF is a serious viral disease that is spread by mosquitoes and can cause abortions and death in cattle, sheep and goats. People can also become infected with RVF, which can be a serious disease in humans. Good rainfall, as we have recently experienced, will result in an increase in the number of mosquitoes which may transmit this disease.

One of the best ways to prevent the disease from developing in humans and animals is to vaccinate all cattle, sheep and goats against RVF using a registered vaccine. The vaccine has to be administered before the start of any RVF outbreak, as vaccination during an outbreak could cause further spread of the disease. Pregnant animals should only be vaccinated with the OBP inactivated vaccine or OBP Clone 13 vaccine. All non-pregnant animals could be vaccinated with the OBP live RVF vaccine or with the OBP Clone 13 vaccine.

For more information, please contact your local State Veterinarian.

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