

**RESOLUTION NUMBER: 20      APPROVED**

**SOURCE:                      COMMITTEE ON SHEEP, GOATS, AND CAMELIDS**

**SUBJECT MATTER:          Policy Regarding Restocking Requirements and Eligibility  
for Indemnity of Premises in a Control Area During a Foot  
and Mouth Disease Outbreak**

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**RESOLUTION:**

The United States Animal Health Association requests that the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services define a foot and mouth disease (FMD) response policy on restocking of premises in control zones, specifically the infected and buffer zones. A policy should also be defined for any control areas established by the detection of FMD in wildlife and determine prior to an FMD outbreak which policies should be applied.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Developing policy during a foreign animal disease outbreak is challenging. It demands significant time and input from numerous stakeholders. It is essential that producers, along with state and federal regulatory officials, collaborate prior to a foot and mouth disease outbreak and engage in as much advance planning as possible.

During the 2022 highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) implemented a new policy. This policy required premises located within the buffer zone to submit a biosecurity plan and undergo a virtual audit conducted by either a state or federal regulatory official. Compliance with these requirements was necessary for the premises to be eligible for indemnity if subsequently infected with HPAI. Premises located in the infected zone were not eligible for indemnity from USDA-APHIS-VS if the state permitted restocking.