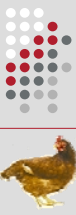



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Veterinary authority 

Department of Veterinary Services (DVS).  
Ministry of Agriculture:

Competent authorities 


Competence	Veterinary authority Autorité vétérinaire	Other Autre
(terrestrial) Animal health	✓	None
(aquatic) Animal health	✓	Ministry of Environment Wildlife & Tourism
(wildlife) Animal health	✓	None
Animal health (food safety)	✓	None
Animal health (veterinary drugs)	✓	Drugs Regulatory Unit, MoH
Animal welfare	✓	None

Focal points 

Competence	Designated , désigné	Name , nom
Animal diseases notification	✓	Neo J. MAPITSE
Aquatic animal health	✓	Bernard MBEHA
Wildlife	✓	Neo J. MAPITSE
Animal production food safety	✓	Kerapetse SEHULARO
Veterinary drugs and biologicals	✓	Kekgonne E. BAIPOLEDI
Animal welfare	✓	Kerapetse SEHULARO

Role of the OIE Delegate 

- Rights and obligations of OIE Member States and of the OIE Delegates
- Involved in the OIE evaluation of Veterinary Services using the PVS tool.
- Notification requirements to the OIE (immediate and 6-monthly)
- Involved in the national /zonal disease freedom recognition processes
- Annual declarations of disease/infection freedom (FMD zones article 8.5.4), Rinderpest art 8.12.2), CBPP art 11.9.3) done annually by Nov)
- Responses to draft OIE standards and guidelines
- Appointment of focal points
- Attendance of OIE regional commission and world assembly meetings
- Administrative responsibilities towards OIE (Accommodation of RAHC-SA)
- Financial responsibilities towards OIE ( category 5 at Euro 28 750.00)
- Involved in the WTO-SPS Agreement with focus on international trade of animals and animal products (DVS houses the SPS NEP, National Enquiry Point)

Challenges 

- One of the main challenges is the continued presence /outbreaks of Trans-boundary animal diseases such as Foot and Mouth Disease in the region and their impact on trade of animals and animal products.

## Suggestions



- It would be useful for OIE to facilitate commodity-based trade. This would improve farmers' income in the affected areas and reduce environmental degradation.

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