

In 2014, South Africa was officially recognised by the OIE as a 'country having a foot and mouth disease (FMD)-free zone where vaccination is not practised'.

Following a notification received from the Delegate of South Africa to the OIE on an outbreak of FMD in this zone, the FMD-free status is suspended with effect from 2 January 2019.

According to the [standard operating procedure for the suspension of an officially recognised disease status](#), the country has two years to recover its previously recognised status by complying with the relevant requirements of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*.

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South Africa – Suspension of 'country having an FMD-free zone where vaccination is not practised' status



