COMMUNIQUE

1. On 5 September 2020, a consignment of 35 bulls, 212 caprines, 146 ovines and 6 baskets of fowls landed in Mauritius from Rodrigues aboard the vessel MV Black Rhino.

2. The consignment of the above-mentioned animals was inspected by the Division of Veterinary Services and it was found that some caprines were showing clinical signs of respiratory infection. Two goats had also died during the trip.

3. Post Mortem has been carried out on the two dead caprines and blood sera collected from 108 caprines have been tested. Samples are being sent for enhanced analysis abroad.

4. The caprines and ovines intended for breeding have been maintained in isolation pending confirmation of infection, if any.

5. The bulls and the fowls were disinfected and released from isolation on Sunday 6 September 2020.

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