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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SERVICES & GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
(IMPLEMENTATION & COORDINATION WING)

Dated Lahore the, 16th May, 2025

To,

1. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Home Department.
2. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, LG & CD Department.
3. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Transport & Masstransit Department.
4. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Auqaf & RA Department.
5. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Livestock & Dairy Development Department.
6. The Secretary, Government of the Punjab, Health & Population Department.
7. The Inspector General of Police, Punjab.
8. The Inspector General, National Highways & Motorway Police, Islamabad.
9. All Divisional Commissioners in Punjab.
10. All Deputy Commissioners in Punjab.

Subject: **ADVISORY ON CONTROL OF ANIMAL DISEASES, TICK INFESTATION AND PROTECTION OF HIDES & SKINS ON THE EVE OF EID-UL-AZHA**

I am directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that, in view of the risk posed by Transboundary Animal Diseases (TADs) and the increased movement of livestock during Eid-ul-Azha, the following guidelines/ instructions are issued for strict compliance by all concerned departments / authorities especially in the wake of Eid-ul-Adha, 2025:

i. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUNJAB CATTLE MARKET MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (PCMMDC)

- a. Ensure that no animal is allowed entry into cattle markets without vaccination certificate, particularly for Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR).
- b. Implement special measures at animal sale points, including application of limestone for marking and anti-tick and fly repellent sprays.
- c. Establish veterinary care camps at all cattle markets with the availability of essential vaccines, medicines and emergency treatment facilities.
- d. Segregate clinically sick animals and shift them to a designated quarantine shed for treatment; the sale of sick animals must be strictly discouraged.
- e. Ensure proper shade and access to fresh drinking water to prevent heat stress among animals.
- f. Designate a quarantine area/shed at every cattle market for isolation and observation of suspected animals.
- g. Ensure regular reporting to the concerned Veterinary/Livestock Officer of the district.
- h. In the event of any suspected disease or outbreak, the case shall be immediately reported via the ADRS Info – Farmer App.

- i. Display awareness materials (flexes/banners) at prominent locations in cattle markets on topics such as disease reporting via the ADRS Info App and animal welfare.
- j. Establish a 24/7 helpline and set up a farmer facilitation desk within each cattle market.
- k. The CEO of PCMMDC shall be responsible for implementing all above measures utilizing PCMMDC's own resources. Veterinary camps shall be staffed by PCMMDC veterinarians. If additional support or guidance is required, the L&DD Department, Punjab, may be approached.

ii. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

- a. Ensure that no animals are loaded into transport vehicles without a valid vaccination certificate/ confirmation of vaccination history.
- b. Carry out disinfection and anti-tick spraying of transport vehicles before animal loading.
- c. Prevent transportation of clinically sick or suspected animals before and after Eid-ul-Azha.
- d. Immediately report any suspected cases to the relevant Livestock Officer in the district and through the ADRS Info – Farmer App for prompt response.
- e. Strictly prevent animal overloading and ensure all animal welfare protocols during loading, transportation, and unloading.
- f. Display banners promoting animal welfare guidelines and the importance of vehicle disinfection at major transport hubs.
- g. Issue appropriate instructions to Goods Transport Associations and Transport Department staff across Punjab to ensure compliance with these protocols.

iii. RESPONSIBILITIES OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION / METROPOLITAN CORPORATION / MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS / ZILA COUNCIL

The concerned Deputy Commissioner may ensure the following;

- a. Coordinate with the Livestock Department to establish veterinary camps at Deputy Commissioner-notified animal sale points.
- b. Ensure that no animal sales take place outside officially designated sale points.
- c. Locate all animal sale points outside urban residential areas to reduce public health risks.
- d. Establish quarantine camps at sale points for veterinary examination of animals prior to sale.
- e. Ensure that no animals are allowed to enter or be transported into the district without vaccination certificate or vaccination history.
- f. Implement fly repellents and anti-tick sprays at all animal sale locations.
- g. Establish animal screening and anti-tick spray check-posts at inter-provincial borders, at least 10 days before Eid.
- h. In coordination with relevant Livestock Offices, establish inter-district screening and anti-tick spray check-posts 10 days before Eid.
- i. Ensure proper disposal of animal waste, especially during Eid, and adopt measures to control fly breeding.
- j. Ensure that all personnel handling animals wear appropriate protective gear, including gloves and full-sleeved clothing.
- k. Any clinical cases or suspected outbreaks of LSD, FMD, or PPR must be immediately reported through the ADRS Info – Farmer App.

- l. Ensure regular public awareness campaigns on control measures for animal and tick-borne diseases (e.g., CCHF), using social media, local media, and FM radio.
- m. Launch media campaigns focused on tick control, animal shed disinfection, and proper hide preservation practices.
- n. Organize Tehsil-level seminars to educate the public on:
 - Proper methods for hide preservation (salting and transport)
 - Avoidance of plastic bags for hide storage
 - Hide protection from cuts during slaughter
 - Engagement of NGOs, butchers, and tanneries
- o. Collaborate with religious notables and the Auqaf & Religious Affairs Department to promote animal welfare and hide preservation messages during Eid sermons and Friday prayers (Juma-tul-mubarak).
- p. Display educational flex banners on disease prevention, animal welfare, and hide handling at all sale points.
- q. All animal welfare measures must be implemented in line with the World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) guidelines and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890

iv. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUNJAB POLICE AND NATIONAL HIGHWAY & MOTORWAY POLICE

- a. Ensure that animals infested with ticks or showing signs of illness are not transported on highways or provincial routes.
- b. Facilitate and support L&DD Department staff at all district/provincial entry and exit points.
- c. Provide round-the-clock security for personnel at screening and anti-tick spray check posts.

v. RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEALTH & POPULATION DEPARTMENT, PUNJAB

- a. Prepare and implement a comprehensive response plan to handle any potential outbreak of CCHF, and immediately share reports with the L&DD Department in case of suspected cases.
- b. Design and share a detailed surveillance plan for monitoring and controlling CCHF during the Eid-ul-Azha period.
- c. Establish health-care camps at animal sale points and cattle markets.

vi. RESPONSIBILITIES OF LIVESTOCK & DAIRY DEVELOPMENT (L&DD) DEPARTMENT

- a. Ensure anti-tick spraying at all sale yards and animal sale points through veterinary staff.
- b. Display informational banners at all Deputy Commissioner-notified sale points offering details on free veterinary services.
- c. Assign at least one branded vehicle with a loudspeaker per sale point for awareness announcements and emergency communication.
- d. Provide Mobile Veterinary Dispensaries (MVDs) with sufficient medicines, vaccines, and fluids like dextrose for free treatment of diseased animals.
- e. Divisional Directors and Additional Directors of Livestock shall ensure availability of anti-tick sprays and essential medicines.

- f. Directors of Livestock in Rawalpindi, Sargodha, Gujrat, D.G. Khan, and Bahawalpur divisions shall establish pickets at inter-provincial borders for animal disinfection and tick control, starting at least 10 days prior to Eid.
- g. Inter-district checkpoints shall also be set up 10 days before Eid for tick spray and segregation of diseased animals.
- h. Veterinary diagnostic lab staff shall be deployed at sale points to provide on-spot disease testing. ADDRS shall generate disease incidence reports before and after Eid.
- i. Pregnancy diagnosis services may be provided at sale points and promoted via banners.
- j. Launch awareness campaigns through social media, Farmer Days, and Livestock Baithaks about tick control and disease prevention.
- k. Conduct training programs for farmers and livestock handlers on tick identification and control, including school outreach and community field days.
- l. Ensure field staff wear protective clothing, including gloves and long sleeves, while handling livestock.
- m. Deploy SPCA staff at sale points to monitor compliance with animal welfare regulations, especially regarding transportation, shelter, and feeding. Violators will be penalized under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890.
- n. Implement integrated tick control strategies, including use of acaricides (via dipping, spraying, or pour-on treatments).
- o. Establish a Central Control Room at the office of DG (Extension), Lahore, to monitor all related activities during Eid-ul-Azha.

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SECTION OFFICER (I&C-I)

PC:

- 1. Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Punjab.
- 2. Additional Secretary (Gen)/ Staff Officer to Chief Secretary, Punjab.
- 3. PS to Secretary (I&C), SAGAD.
- 4. PS to Secretary, Government of the Pakistan, Ministry of Communication, Islamabad.
- 5. PS to Secretary, Government of the Pakistan, Ministry of Interior, Islamabad.