



Dated Lahore, the 19th June, 2025

To

1. **The Chief Executive Officer,**
Punjab Cattle Market Management & Development Company.
2. **The Deputy Commissioner**
District Attock, Chakwal, Rawalpindi, Murree, Jehlum, Gujrat & Mianwali.
3. **The Additional Director Livestock,**
District Attock, Chakwal, Rawalpindi, Murree, Jehlum Gujrat & Mianwali.

Subject:

MEASURES TO CONTROL CONGO FEVER VIRUS (CCHF)

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

2. In light of recent case of Congo Fever in Attock on 17.06.2025 and Rawalpindi on 19.06.2025 it is imperative to implement necessary measures for the control of tick infestation, a primary vector for CCHF transmission. In accordance with the best practices and advisory for prevention and control of CCHF issued by Center for Disease Control (CDC) National Institute of Health, Islamabad dated 15th April, 2025, the following directions are issued for strict compliance:

- i. The District Administration is instructed to ensure thorough disinfection, white wash with lime and filling of all the cracks and fissures in the walls and floors at the:
 - Slaughterhouses
 - Cattle markets
 - Tanneries and the premises
- ii. No animal shall be permitted to enter/exit in the cattle markets without prior inspection. The sale and purchase of animals shall be operated strictly by the permission and monitoring of the Concerned Deputy Commissioner until further notice.
- iii. No animal infested with ticks shall be allowed for sale or purchase.
- iv. **Awareness Campaigns:** In order to reduce the risk of infection transmission from tick-to-human, animal-to-human and human-to-human, the District Administration, in coordination with the Health Department, shall organize awareness campaigns targeting the:
 - Animal traders
 - Butchers
 - Individuals handling animals
- v. The concerned CEO, Health & Population Department to pay particular attention on key focus areas those will include prevention and the timely reporting of symptoms indicative of CCHF and Lab tests for CCHF should be recommended to those who fulfill criteria of suspected case available at NIH website (www.nih.org.pk)
- vi. **Availability of Tick Control Measures:** CEOs of cattle markets shall ensure the availability of:
 - Anti-tick sprays
 - Ivermectin injections
- vii. **Establishment of Screening Check Posts:** L&DD Department shall set up screening check posts at the entry points of district. All the animal

transporting vehicles shall be screened for tick infestation and anti-tick sprays shall be administered as necessary.

viii. An advisory shall be issued to goods associations and transporters mandating that all vehicles shall be sprayed with anti-tick agents before loading and after unloading animals.

ix. All relevant departments and stakeholders are directed to strictly adhere to these guidelines for ensuring an effective implementation to control the possible spread of Congo Fever and to avoid any untoward situation in the Punjab Province. Regular monitoring and reporting mechanisms shall be established to assess compliance and the effectiveness of these measures.

3. I am directed to request for immediate implementation of above mentioned guidelines.

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A copy is forwarded for information & necessary action to: -

1. The Secretary LG&CD, Govt. of the Punjab, Lahore.
2. The Secretary Health & Population Department, Punjab, Lahore.
3. The Commissioner Rawalpindi Division, Rawalpindi.
4. The Commissioner Sargodha Division, Sargodha.
5. The Commissioner Gujrat Division, Gujrat.
6. The CEO Punjab Cattle Market Management & Development Company, Lahore.
7. The Director General (Ext.), L&DD, Punjab, Lahore to the request to also issue necessary instructions for L&DD related activities.
8. The Director General (Res.), L&DD, Punjab, Lahore.
9. The Director Livestock Rawalpindi Division, Rawalpindi
10. The Director Livestock Sargodha Division, Sargodha
11. The Director Livestock Gujrat Division, Gujrat.
12. The Deputy Commissioner, District Attock.

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1. PSO to Chief Secretary, Punjab, Lahore
2. PS to Secretary L&DD, Punjab, Lahore.
3. PA to Additional Secretary (Tech.), L&DD, Punjab.