

Vaccinations & Disease Control

What the law expects from the livestock owner

Under the **Animal Health Act**, if you **know or suspect disease**, you must:

- **Isolate** the animal(s)
- Take steps to **prevent spread**
- Ensure the animal(s) get **appropriate treatment**
- **Immediately notify a veterinary official** if it's a **notifiable disease**

Are vaccinations legally “mandatory” for every farmer?

Namibia's animal health law doesn't say “every farmer must vaccinate X on Y date” for all species countrywide. Instead:

- Vaccination becomes **required** when it is part of an **official control programme**, a **movement requirement**, or a **directive** from Veterinary Services (especially during outbreaks / in controlled areas).

What farmers should keep on file

Keep a **Vaccination & Treatment Register** (paper or digital). NamLITS guidance specifically lists **livestock vaccinations records** as a producer record to keep.

Minimum fields to record:

- Date
- Animal/group ID (brand/ear tag batch)
- Product name + batch/lot number
- Dose
- Who administered (vet / farmer / worker)
- Reason (routine / outbreak / pre-movement)
- Withdrawal period (if applicable)

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