Livestock Trade & How the New Code Promotes Sustained, Disease Free Trade

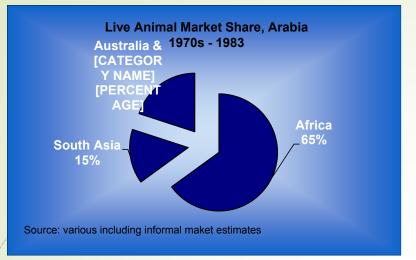
Chip Stem, Livestock Trade Services

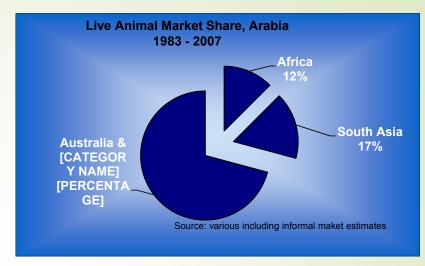


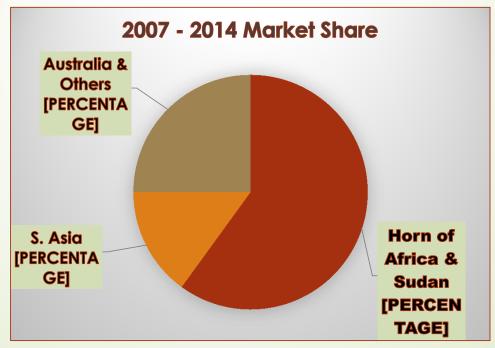
Quarantines have Dramatically Increased Export Volumes

- Pre Quarantine Black Market Era (1983 2006)
 - Frequent imposition of trade bans from 1983 led to the fall of the Somali Government as the Somali economy was 70% livestock based
 - Black Market Trade was the norm except in Sudan & Somalia sporadically legally exported to Yemen, Oman and UAE often spreading disease
 - ► Volumes 400,000 to 1.3 million
- Quarantine Era Return to Legal Trade
 - 2007 & 2008 3.2 3.6 million head from Djibouti
 - 2012 8.6 million head (5.7 million from Djibouti and Somalia, 3 m from Sudan) - IGAD and UNDP Figures
 - 2013 9.1 million head IGAD and UNDP figures







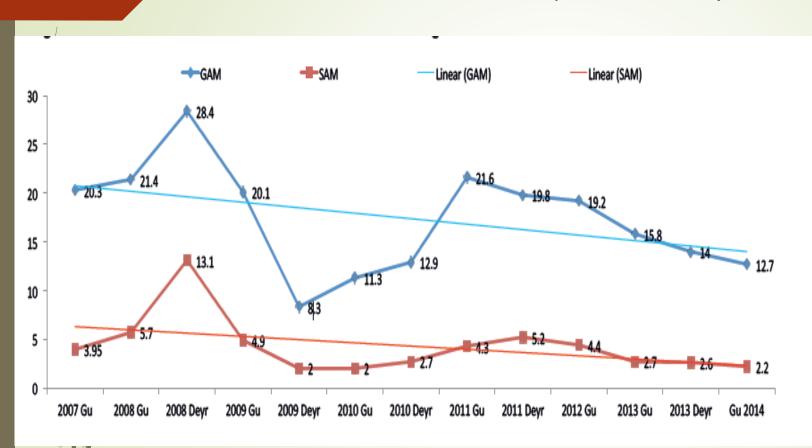


What does this mean on the ground?

- More than \$ 1.5 billion into the hands of pastoralists and livestock producers
 - Transforms lives and gives pastoralists a sustainable, reliable income.
 - Delivers Peace & Maintains Peace
 - Transforms nutrition and health of women, children and families
 - ■In Somali Ecosystem, women often own, raise, and care for small ruminants
 - ■And get revenues from the trade → directly benefit families.



Acute Malnutrition North East Somalia (Puntland) 2007 - 2014



Quarantine era:

Somaliland and
Puntland
Pastoralists'
malnutrition sharply
reduced.

Pastoralists' stunting rates of children equal to developed countries

--Lowest stunting rates in IGAD Region

IGAD Funded Work

↑ Volumes = ↑ Risk to Livestock Trade

Continual Product Improvement is Required

- Quarantine Inspecton and Quality Assurance is Weak
- Disease has spread and continues to spread
- As recently as 2014, FMD was introduced to the UAE from one of the quarantines in Somalia.
- Increasingly firm reaction from Importing Countries



UAE April 2014 Meeting for Export Quarantines & May Ministerial Decree







UAE Decisions 2014 - Key Points

- Meeting for Export Quarantine Operators April 2014
 - Export Quarantines (not livestock traders) are responsible for protecting trade and preventing disease spread.
 - 1st instance of Disease Final Warning Letter to offending Quarantine
 - 2rd Instance of Disease Quarantine Banned from export to the UAE
 - ► Other GCC countries informed of UAE's decision
 - implied they will no longer ban countries, but ban quarantines.
- Decree New Quarantine Licensees
 - 1st Instance of Disease Quarantine Banned from export to the UAE

What will happen if Importers ban Quarantines?

- History demonstrates that trade will continue
- If quarantines are banned, and black market trade returns what does that say for the spread of RVF and other diseases?
- What can be done to ensure disease free trade from quarantines?
- We can expect the next RVF Epizootic as soon as Climatic Conditions are Present



Black Market Trade under the Cover of Darkness

The New Code - Protecting & Sustaining Trade An important step to prevent bans

- Places Responsibility firmly in hands of CVOs
 - Principally the Exporting CVOs
 - Also Importing CVOs who need to ensure livestock enter countries disease free

- As Susanne Műnstermann mentioned, Code Changes are
- science-based, therefore, will protect importing countries
 - → Should be the basis for All Actions and Decisions



New Code - Major Changes & Practical Summary

- Safe Commodities hides, skins, wool, & fiber
- RVF is here to stay Eradication is considered to be next to impossible

- Free Countries Djibouti and Ethiopia Proof of freedom
 - Active Surveillance needed, especially in areas bordering countries in Epizootic periods & Riverine areas especially near quarantines
 - No Human cases

New Code - Inter-Epizootic Period

- Movement of Livestock Prevent vector contact
 - Insect repellants before & during transport
 - Load and unload at times of low vector activity
 - Keep livestock moving during dawn & dusk transport
 - Use outbreak data to determine best movement routes
 - Monitor Climatic Conditions & Levels of Herd Immunity



New Code - Inter-Epizootic Period

- Export Trade
 - No signs of RVF on day of shipment And either...
 - Vaccinated at least 14 days prior to shipment or
 - Quarantined in a mosquito-proofed quarantine (mosquito fogging sprays)

(Due to risk of other diseases, Quarantines have become the tool of choice)

New Code - Inter-Epizootic Period

Depends upon Strictly Enforced & Continuous High Quality Quarantine Operating Standards

Private sector operates quarantines, conducts tests, treatments, and inspections.

Competent Veterinary Authority

- → Must ensure that export trade is disease free
- Supervise & Enforce Standards of Quarantine Operations
- → Ensure conflicts of interest don't exist



New Code - Epizootic Period

Notify Importing Countries of the disease, its extent, and your plans to protect the trade

Before they hear it in the press!

- Based on your discussion, decide to
 - Temporarily Halt of Trade from Country or
 - Continue Trade from Non infected areas with following assurances
 - Strict Movement Controls & Ban Livestock Exports from Infected s & historic epidemic areas where conditions conducive to RVF exist
 - Mosquito Repellents during transport
 - Rest Stops, loading / unloading → low vector activity times
 - All Animals quarantined 14 days, mosquito fogging, frequent clinical exams, with vaccination 14 days prior to shipment

New Code - Epizootic Period

- Continually monitor events & Importer perceptions
 & concerns
- Conduct active sero-surveillance / clinical surveillance
- Consider ring vaccinations borders of outbreak
- Implement short-term slaughter bans in outbreak area.
- Conduct Public Awareness Campaigns risk of slaughter, fresh meat, mosquitos

New Code - Epizootic Period...cont

- Provide Trade Partners with Frequent Status Updates – Earn their Trust, Keep their Trust
- Signal the End of Epizootic
 - → Beginning of Inter-Epizootic Period
 - → Quarantined trade resumes



New Code - Meat

■ Meat – chilled > 2° 24 Hours

No disease signs antemortem

No disease signs postmortem



New Code - Semen, in vivo Embryos & Milk

- Semen & in vivo Embryos
 - No signs of RVF 14 days before, 14 days after collection. No semen collection if outbreak is in the area *and*
 - **Either**
 - Vaccinated
 - Seropositive
 - No sero conversion (pre & 14 day after post samples) if not vaccinated / no vaccination history
- Milk pasteurization or equivalent methods



Summary

- It's up to the Exporting Country to
 - Be Proactive and Protect its Trading Partners
 - Avoid importing country trade bans
 - Share Data and Information with Importers
- It's up to the Importing Country to
 - Listen to Exporting Vet Authorities
 - Examine Data that is shared
 - Impose temporary bans if you are not confident in exporter's response or quarantine
- Science-based Trade is Safe, Trade-Friendly Trade

