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# **African horse sickness control**

## **Area status declarations 2025**

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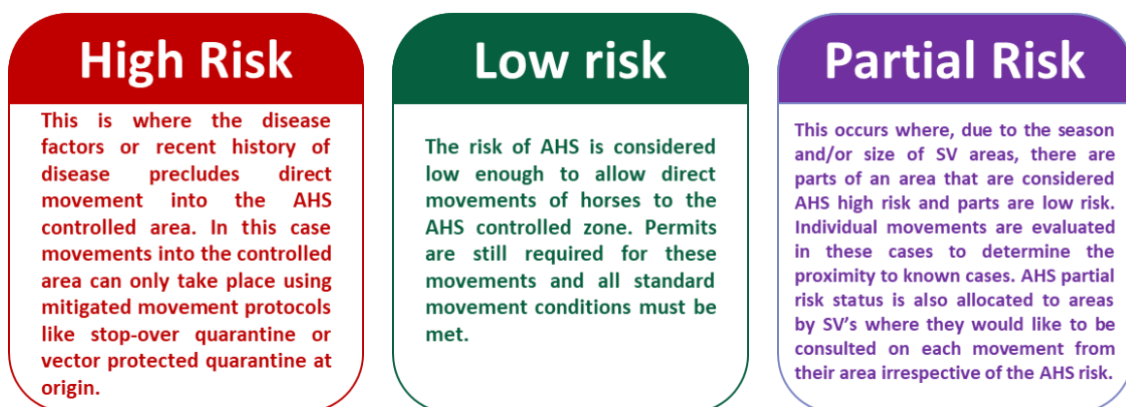


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## Introduction

This is the fourth report (the first report from 2022, with further details on the background of the system, is available [here](#)) on the use of African horse sickness (AHS) Area Status Declarations (ASD's) in South Africa to assist in the mitigation of the introduction of AHS virus (AHSV) into the AHS controlled area of South Africa. ASD's are the defined AHS risk level by State veterinarians (SV's) and are used when issuing movement permits when the origin of the movement is in the AHS infected part of South Africa. They fulfill movement requirements by ensuring SV's are involved with movement control and provide a foundational risk evaluation for their respective areas for AHS infection.

The definitions of various AHS risk status for areas are shown below – note that an *unknown* classification occurs where an ASD has not been issued – movements from these areas are considered in the same light as high risk ASD status areas:



## 2025 area status declarations

Since each ASD issued has a start and end date the status of each of the 126 State vet areas in the country can be defined daily with a resulting area days at risk (ADAR) for each area.

Table 1: Duration of classifications of ASD's for 2025 with values since 2022 as comparison.

Year	Classified ASD (excludes unknown classifications)			
	Total	High risk area days	Low risk area days	Partial risk area days
2025 (45990 ADAR)	27494 (59.7%)	17896 (65% of classified days)	8986 (32.6%)	612 (2.2%)
2024 (46116)	26460 (57%)	17102 (65%)	8249 (31%)	1109 (4%)
2023 (45990)	26437 (57%)	19241 (73%)	6194 (23%)	1002 (4%)
2022 (45990)	23870 (52%)	11958 (50%)	10073 (42%)	1839 (8%)

### AHS area status by month

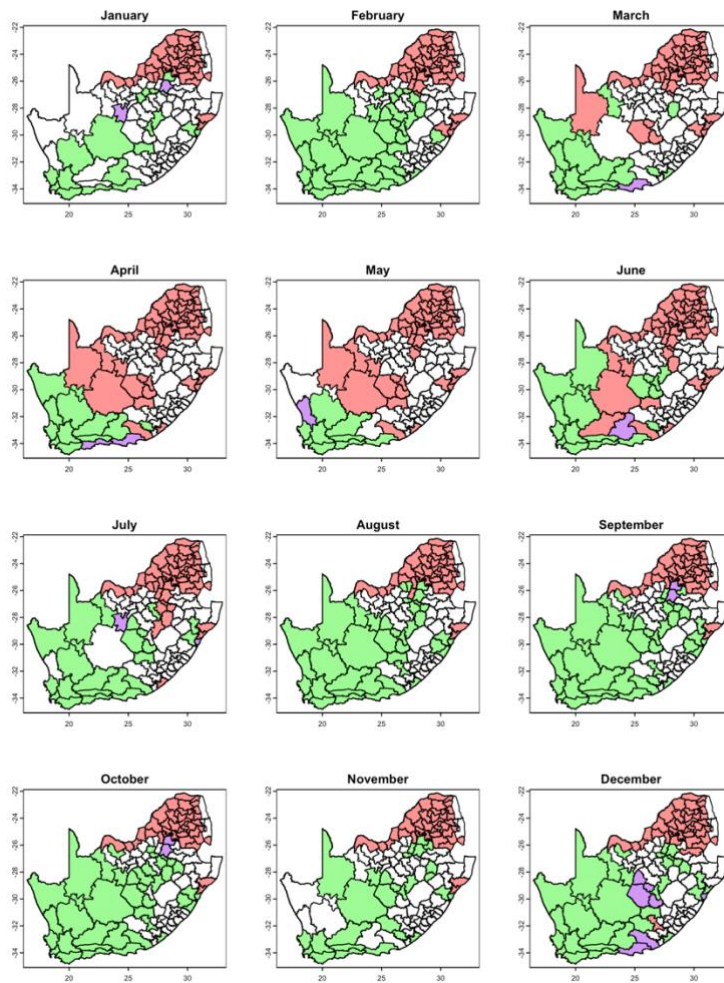


Figure 1: ASD for each SV area on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month during 2025. Red indicated high risk, green low risk and purple partial risk. White regions are unknown risk and are effectively high risk for movement purposes when in the AHS infected zone.

Figure 1 above depicts the ASD status on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month during 2025. This is a generalisation of the whole year. The Western Cape remained generally low risk. For a visualization of the full daily ASD status of the country please visit [here](#).

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