How to avoid buying sick animals

An easy-to-follow checklist for traders:

- Ensure the animals (cattle, goats, and swine) you buy are healthy and vaccinated against foot and mouth disease (FMD).
- Report suspected FMD or other disease cases to the local animal health authorities.
- Always co-ordinate with the local animal health authorities regarding animal health status and disease suspicions.
- Support veterinary services and local animal health authorities in implementing animal movement control in the event of an outbreak.
- Check and maintain all records such as location, animal details (health status, identification, ear tags), and their ownership records.
- Regularly observe your animals for any clinical signs.
- Do not mix the animals, keep them separated by batch (date, location, or herd).
- Always buy animals from reliable sources.

For more information, please visit: www.woah.org/en/disease/foot-and-mouth-disease