



THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL
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***PGB BOERDERY BELEGGINGS (EDMS) BPK v SOMERVILLE 62 (EDMS)
BPK***

The SCA today dismissed an appeal from the high court. The question was whether the respondents have the right to introduce blue wildebeest on their game farm in spite of the risk of bovine malignant catarrhal fever (snotsiekte). Blue wildebeest are carriers of the disease, which is infectious and potentially dangerous for cattle. The appellants, who are neighbours, objected to the introduction of a herd of 500 blue wildebeest on the respondents' farms.

The SCA held that the respondents will not, by introducing the animals, abuse their rights of ownership because the risk of infection was sufficiently low and the appellants could, by simple grazing management procedures reduce the risk even more.

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