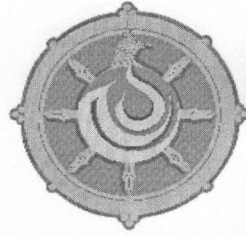




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**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

Subsequent to the earlier notification regarding African Swine Fever (ASF), the Ministry of Agriculture and Forests would like to inform the general public that there are reports of ASF associated mortalities detected in wild boars along the border areas of Manas National Park as per 188<sup>th</sup> edition of Animal Disease E-information Asia published on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 by the FAO regional office. Therefore, sightings of sick or dead wild boars are highly likely in that area and other parts of the country along the southern border. To prevent spread of ASF from wild boars, the general public are informed not to process any dead wild boars for consumption and immediately report sightings of sick or dead wild boars to the nearest livestock centers, BAFRA office or Forest office. ASF is a highly contagious viral disease of pigs with up to 100% death rate in pigs. As of now, there is neither vaccine nor effective treatment for ASF. It causes catastrophic socio-economic consequences to the pig farming sector.

Further, the pig farmers within the country are urged to heighten farm biosecurity and implement good husbandry practices mentioned below;

1. Prevent domestic pigs from coming in contact with wild pigs;
2. Construct fence around pig farms/pigsties;
3. Install disinfectant foot-dip at the entrance of the farm;
4. Prevent visitors from visiting the farm;
5. Use a designated footwear at the farm;
6. Do not feed kitchen wastes containing pork and pork products to the pigs;
7. Wash and disinfect farm equipment that are brought into the farm;
8. Isolate sick pigs;
9. Quarantine pigs brought into the farm from other places for at least 7 days;
10. Call toll free numbers 1555 or 1244 to report any pig sickness or deaths.

Livestock, BAFRA and Forest officials shall ensure that the above measures are strictly adhered to, by the relevant stakeholders. Any person found not adhering to this notification shall be dealt in accordance with the Livestock Act of Bhutan 2001.

The General Public is hereby notified and requested to extend full cooperation.

(Thinley Namgyel)

Cc:

1. Hon'ble Lyonchen, PMO, Gyelyong Tshokhang, Thimphu for kind information.
2. Hon'ble Minister, MoAF for kind information.



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3. Dasho Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Thimphu for kind information.
4. Dasho Secretary, MoH/MoFA/MoEA/MoF, Thimphu for kind information.
5. Dasho Dzungda, 20 Dzongkhags for kind information and support.
6. Offtg. Director General, BAFRA for n.a. as required.
7. Director, DoA/DAMC, MoAF, Thimphu for kind information.
8. Director, DoFPS, MoAF, Thimphu for n.a. as required.
9. Director, DoL, MoAF for n.a. as required.
10. BBSCL with a request to kindly broadcast this notification.