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NOTIFICATION

The Ministry vide its Notification No. MoAF/DoL/2021/449 dated 10th June 2021 banned import of live pigs and pork products from India after the African Swine Fever(ASF) outbreaks were reported in some neighbouring states of India and the scavenging pigs in the border town of Phuentsholing, Chukha Dzongkhag.

Now with no more cases of ASF detected in the Dzongkhag for the past six weeks and in line with OIE disease protocol, Chukha Dzongkhag has lifted the ban on movement of live pigs and pork products to and from Phuentsholing and Sampheling Gewogs of the Dzongkhag with effect from 22nd July 2021.

With regards to the international trade, the Ministry would like to notify the general public that import of pork and pork products from ASF free states of India will be allowed with immediate effect and as usual with certification from Export Inspection Council of India certifying ASF free in the pork consignments.

As in the past, the importers will have to process for registration of the firm of origin with the Bhutan Agriculture and Food Regulatory Authority (BAFRA) and obtain prior import permit which is in accordance with the Livestock Act of Bhutan 2001 and its Rules. Therefore, the importers of pork and pork products are requested to comply with these requirements and all existing Covid19 protocols in place.

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1. Dasho Secretary, Months himphu for kind information

2. Dasho Secretary, MoFA, Thimphu for kind information

3. Dasho Secretary, MoEA, Thimphu for kind information

4. Director General, BAFRA, MoAF, Thimphu for kind information and necessary action

5. Secretary General, BCCI, Thimphu for kind information

6. Offtg. Director General, DoT, MoEA, Thimphu for kind information

7. Director, DoL/DAMC, MoAF, Thimphu for kind information