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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock hereby inform the general public of a confirmed outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in Hatigar village under Dzedokha chiwog, Logchina gewog, Chhukha Dzongkhag. The ASF outbreak, affecting one backyard farm with 3 pigs, was confirmed through rt-PCR test on January 05, 2026.

ASF is a highly lethal disease affecting pigs and poses a serious threat to the livelihoods of pig farmers. ASF outbreaks in the country are most commonly associated with farms that have poor biosecurity, inadequate husbandry practices, and the practice of feeding pigs with uncooked kitchen waste or food waste sourced from hotels and restaurants.

Given the recurrent outbreak of ASF in the country, it is crucial for pig farmers to safeguard their farms and improve biosecurity by implementing the following measures:

- Do not feed food wastes from hotels and restaurants to the pigs;
- Do not feed kitchen wastes that contains pork/meat leftovers;
- Ensure that any kitchen wastes fed to the pigs are boiled and cooked for at least 30 minutes;
- Prevent domestic pigs from coming into contact with wild pigs;
- Restrict visitors' access to the farm;
- Report any suspicious pig deaths, both domestic and wild pigs, immediately to the nearest livestock extension center or through toll-free number 1244 (DoL).

Additionally, the ongoing illegal importation of pork and pork products from across the border remains a significant concern. The Ministry once again requests the general public and hoteliers to refrain from the illegal importation of pork and pork products, and to report any suspected illegal imports immediately through the toll-free number 1555 (BFDA).

Any person found not adhering to this notification shall be firmly dealt in accordance with the relevant laws of the country.

Issued for information and strict compliance to prevent ASF outbreaks and safeguard the livelihoods of our farmers.

Chair
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