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Measures to Prevent African Swine Fever (ASF)

Mr. Chalermchai Sreeon chaired the meeting to consolidate all efforts to prevent the spread of African Swine Fever (ASF) into Thailand. He believes that there will not be any epidemic in Thailand.



Mr. Chalermchai Sreeon, Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives disclosed after the meeting of the National Administrative Committee for Control and Eliminate African Swine Fever (ASF) at the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives that 29 outbreaks of ASF are currently found into 5 African countries, 13 European countries and 11 Asian countries, including Mongolia, Vietnam, Cambodia, North Korea, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, South Korea, Timor-Leste and Indonesia.

Thailand has not yet found an outbreak of the ASF due to the preparation of surveillance plans, prevention and control of ASF, and the practice guidelines. All sectors including government, private sector, and farmers are integrated into actions whereas the government pushes up for a

national agenda. War room has been established in both central and regional areas. There are actions in every province across the country. The preparation of laboratory diagnosis was set up, and working with international organizations such as OIE and FAO in holding meetings for exchanging of surveillance data has been organized.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives by the Department of Livestock Development has several preventive measures, including announcement of the suspension of imports of pigs and pig products from countries exposing with disease outbreaks, and integration with all sectors to prevent and suppress smuggling of pigs and pig products into the country.

There are also surveillance measures by arranging officers to closely screen and monitor the areas, symptomatic surveillance, register and risk assessment with the E-SmartPlus application as well as giving advice on disease and prevention knowledge.

Mr Chalermchai went on to say that the Department of Livestock Development has made a petition to use the reserved funds for emergencies or necessities of the fiscal year 2019 (urgently) to prevent ASF such as compensation for the price of slaughtered pigs in the high-risk areas, vehicles to get rid of infected animal to control the epidemic, and mobile equipment for genetic analysis in the field, etc..

The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives will help affected pig farmers by promoting them to raise goats instead. Currently 498,031 goats were consumed in 2018. There are 647,440 market demand for goat divided into domestic consumption and exports especially to Malaysia and Vietnam. There will also be assistance in adjusting to raise cattle, chicken, native chicken, and grow plant for animal feed in area of 2 Rai.

"I would like to request cooperation from all sectors in raising the level of preventive measures to prevent ASF and would like to thank the relevant agencies that jointly prevent the disease, such as inspection and seizure of imported pig products brought by tourists, handling of food waste from consumption in hotels and restaurants, formulation of control measures, supervision of the source of pig products sold online. If all sectors render cooperation, I believe that we can control the outbreak into Thailand", said Mr. Chalermchai.

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