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DZONGKHAG ADMINISTRATION, SAMTSE

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NOTIFICATION

This is to inform general public of a confirmed outbreak of (HPAI/Bird flu) Hyghely Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Andheri village, under Phuntshapelri Geog, Samtse. The initial case was reported on July 10, 2024, and tested positive through a rapid field test conducted by our laboratory team. Subsequent confirmation was obtained using a PCR test by the National Center for Animal Health Care, Thimphu.

The viral disease that primarily affects birds but can also spread to humans and other animals. The virus spreads through direct contact with infected birds, their droppings or secretions, wild birds, or through exposure to contaminated environments such as live poultry markets. The virus can mutate and become more contagious, increasing the risk of infection.

To reduce the risk of infection, we advise the public to avoid contact with live birds and their feces, individuals who work with birds or have been exposed to contaminated environments should take extra precautions, such as wearing protective clothing and practicing good hygiene. These measures are essential to prevent the spread of the virus. We are closely monitoring the situation and working diligently to contain the outbreak. **As a precautionary measure, the movement of all poultry and poultry products from Phuntshapelri Gewog is restricted until further notice.** This restriction is necessary to prevent the spread of the virus to other areas and to protect the health of both humans and animals.

We urge the public to comply with the restrictions on the movement of poultry and poultry products and inform livestock office for any death of poultry.

(Choeku Wangchuk)

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1. Hon'ble Chair NICC, MoAL Thimphu for kind information.
2. DASHO Drangpon, Royal Court of Justice, Samtse for kind information.
3. Director DoL, MoAL, Thimphu for kind information.
4. DASHO DUNGPA, Tashicholing and Dorokha for kind information.
5. Thrizin Dzongkhag Tshogdu, Samtse for kind information.
6. Programme Director NCAH, Serbithang, Thimphu.
7. DASHO SP, RBP, Samtse for kind information.
8. Medical Officer Phuntshapelri hospital.
9. Incharge BFDA Samtse for information and necessary action.
10. RVO, RVEC Phuntsholing for information.
11. GUP Phuntshapelri Geog for information and necessary support.
12. Range Officer, Phuntshapelri for kind information and vigilance.
13. Geog Livestock Supervisors, 15 geogs for information and vigilance.

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