



## PRESS RELEASE

DEPARTMENT OF VETERINARY SERVICES SARAWAK



### AFRICAN SWINE FEVER (ASF) DISEASE CONTROL AREA IN KAPIT DIVISION AND TELANG USAN DISTRICT

Today YB Datuk Amar Douglas Uggah Embas, Minister for Modernisation of Agriculture, Native Land and Regional Development has declared **Kapit Division and Telang Usan District (in Miri Division) as ASF disease control areas** in view of the news report of suspected ASF outbreak at Nunukan and Krayan Provinces of Kalimantan Utara, Indonesia and the close proximity to these provinces. This Order is made under Section 35 (1) (b) of The Veterinary Public Health Ordinance 1999.

The public including pig farmers in these ASF disease control areas are hereby advised **to refrain from**

1. feeding table scrap/swill feeding to pigs;
2. moving live pig, pork or pork product out and into these ASF disease control areas;
3. bringing/purchasing online/post any pork or pork products into and out from these areas.

At the same time **PIG FARMER IN PARTICULAR TO**

1. Report any sudden death of pig(s) and any illegal activities involving pork and pork products to the nearest Divisional Veterinary Office;
2. Increase farm sanitation and surrounding using disinfectant;
3. Wash and disinfect when in contact with animal or animal product;
4. Avoid contact of wild boar with farm animal by increasing physical barrier;
5. Avoid visiting pig farms and discourage visitor to pig farm

Any pork or pork products which is moved or offered for sale or sold in contravention of this Order, may be seized or destroyed by the State Veterinary Authority. No compensation shall be payable for any pork or pork products seized or destroyed under this section. Failure to comply will result in fine not exceeding **one thousand ringgit (RM1,000.00)**.

Pig farmers in other Divisions are also advised to step up vigilance and tighten the farm biosecurity and discourage visitors to pig farms. Please report to the nearest Divisional Veterinary Office immediately if any abnormal mortality is observed or WhatsApp to **016-284 0918**.

We wish to inform public particularly in these ASF disease control areas to refrain from buying or selling or keeping (physical and online) live wild boar and wild boar meat in Order to prevent the spread of the virus. We seek your cooperation on all the above matters. Please be informed that **bringing in pork or pork product from Indonesia without permit from State Veterinary Authority is an offence under Section 9 (1) of the same Ordinance. Upon conviction penalty not exceeding fifty thousand ringgit (RM50,000.00) and/or imprisonment not exceeding 2 years.**

As of today, Sarawak **is still free** of African Swine Fever disease in Pig. The public is assured that the pork in the market is safe to consume as African Swine Fever virus is **NOT A ZOONOTIC DISEASE** and will not infect human.

Continuous surveillance and border control across Sarawak will be carried out by the Department of Veterinary Services Sarawak.

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