

FORTNIGHTLY e-BULLETIN: ANIMAL DISEASE INFORMATION OF BHUTAN

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To update field colleagues and relevant stakeholders regarding animal disease situations in the country and related activities, the "Fortnightly e-Bulletin on Animal Disease Information of Bhutan" is issued by the Disease Prevention and Control Unit (DPCU), National Centre for Animal Health (NCAH), Department of Livestock (DoL). The information disseminated regarding animal disease outbreak(s) in the country is based on flash and follow-up reports received from the outbreak investigation team. For real-time update, please visit our website, <http://www.ncah.gov.bt>

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Foot and mouth disease (FMD) is a severe, highly contagious viral disease of livestock that has a significant economic impact. The disease affects cattle, swine, sheep, goats and other cloven-hoofed ruminants. It is a transboundary animal disease (TAD) that deeply affect the production of livestock and disrupting regional and international trade in animals and animal products. The disease is caused by an Aphthovirus of the family Picornaviridae, seven strains (A, O, C, SAT1, SAT2, SAT3, and Asia1) are endemic in different countries worldwide.

An outbreak of FMD was reported from Tshokona chiwog (Tshokona, Effart and Dorangthang villages) under Barp gewog of Punakha dzongkhag on 5 November 2021. As per the flash report shared, the outbreak, which was found to have started on 30 October 2021, has affected 12 cattle in 3 households. The source of outbreak was suspected to be due to the introduction of a FMD-affected cow to Effart village from Rinchengang village, Thedtsho gewog, Wangdue Phodrang dzongkhag – where FMD outbreak was reported on 18 October 2021.

To prevent further spread of the disease, all the necessary control measures have been implemented, in line with the National FMD Prevention and Control Plan 2020, by the Dzongkhag Livestock Sector.

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