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BHUTAN

17 Feb 2014: FMD outbreak in Punakha Dzongkhag

Foot and mouth disease outbreak has occurred at Lingbugongmo and Natahang villages under Linmukha Geog Punakha Dzongkhag on 21 January 2014. Of the 188 susceptible animals in the locality, 29 cattle were affected in 5 households. [read more](#)

14 Feb 2014: Newcastle disease outbreak in Dagana Dzongkhag

Newcastle disease outbreak has occurred in Dangragoan village in Lhamoy Zingkha Geog under Dagana Dzongkhag. Out of 200 susceptible poultry populations in the locality 194 birds were affected with 100 percent mortality. The Laboratory result from the National Centre for Animal Health has confirmed the disease as Newcastle by RT PCR test. [read more](#)

14 Feb 2014: FMD outbreak in Thimphu Dzongkhag

Foot and mouth disease outbreak have occurred in Simtokha under Chang Geog in Thimphu Dzongkhag on 30 January 2014. Of the 11 susceptible animals in the herd, 7 were affected with one mortality. The animals were not vaccinated against FMD. The laboratory result from NCAH has confirmed the O serotype by ELISA test. [read more](#)

PAKISTAN

19 Feb 2014: Kuwait lifts ban on import of live birds from Pakistan

The ban was slapped on Pakistan, Cameroon, Georgia and Myanmar in 2006. A commerce ministry order stated that the ban has been lifted following a report of the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), stating that Pakistan is free from bird flu. The order stated that the export consignments would be subject to health measures issued by the Animal Health Department at the authority according to the conditions of OIE. [read more](#)

SRI LANKA

19 Feb 2014; FMD outbreaks reported in five districts

Several outbreaks of foot and mouth disease have been reported from Puttalam, Ampara, Vavuniya, Mullaitivu and Anuradhapura district of the country. Three districts were declared as infected areas by the Director General of the Department of Animal Production and Health in an extraordinary gazette published by the Government of Sri Lanka. All control measure are stipulated in those orders as per the Animal Diseases Act, No. 59 of 1992. [read more](#) ([Puttalama](#) [Ampara](#) [Anuradhapura](#))

Neighboring countries: CHINA

18 Feb 2014: China notes influenza A(H7N9) case, first detection in wild bird

China reported one new H7N9 infection today, amid a new report on the first detection in a wild bird and updates on poultry control efforts. Genetic analysis of the H7N9 virus isolated from the sparrow showed that it is similar to human isolates, which emphasizes the need to monitor the virus in different species, the team wrote. They added that the possibility that migratory birds can spread the virus to other regions should be investigated. [read more](#)

13 Feb 2014: Possible pandemic threat from new reassortment of Influenza A(H7N9) virus in China

Avian influenza A(H7N9) virus re-emerged in China in December 2013, after a decrease in the number of new cases during the preceding six months. Reassortment between influenza A(H7N9) and local A(H9N2) strains has spread from China's south-east coast to other regions. Three new reassortments of A(H7N9) virus were identified by phylogenetic analysis: between A(H7N9) and Zhejiang-derived strains, Guangdong/Hong Kong-derived strains or Hunan-derived A(H9N2) strains. Our findings suggest there is a possible risk that a pandemic could develop. [read more](#)

OTHERS

19 Feb 2014: FAO rules out human-to-animal transmission of influenza A(H7N9)

FAO says there is no evidence that human patients infected with influenza A(H7N9), a low pathogenic virus in poultry, can transmit the virus to animals, including birds. FAO referred to the first human case of A(H7N9) outside China, which was recently detected in Malaysia. The patient, originally from Guangdong Province in China, where she is thought to have contracted the infection, was visiting Malaysia as a tourist and has now been hospitalized there. Guangdong is one of the Chinese provinces most affected by the A(H7N9) virus in 2014. [read more](#)