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Banning Pork Products Importation concern local enterprises

Roasted pig is one of the best course meal during any big occasion/events hosted in Samoa, while canned pork fills the missing luncheon of a man's appetite.

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) issued a notification release to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) informing this so called African Swine Fever disease could it be approached through food products imported and sourced from countries like Africa etc.

African Swine Fever as been clarified is a disease of pigs in Africa and it has infected many piggery farms in rural areas of Africa, causing from a unanimous feeds. Therefore the disease began to spread which is then a seriously matter to food products.

MAF Samoa through its Quarantine Division are then take this a serious matter since they are the first to deployed cleanliness and safety assurance at international borders.

MAF also with the help of the Office of the FAO put up a warning notice and Posters of the temporary suspension on the Importation of Canned Pork or Pork products from Africa and other affected countries where such supplied exist.

The Division of the Animal Health and Production at Vaea also conduct field surveys and inspections for the prevention measures of the disease in Samoa.

See public notice on next page for further infor of the African Swine Fever.



Help protect Samoa from AFRICAN SWINE FEVER

African Swine Fever (ASF) is a serious viral disease that affects pigs.

Carrying food in your luggage?
Not all meat products are allowed in Samoa
Pork products can carry a deadly pig disease like ASF

DECLARE ON ARRIVAL

- This disease has caused millions of pig deaths worldwide
- It would devastate Samoa's food security



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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUSPENSION LIFT FOR THE SALE OF IMPORTATION OF CANNED PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS

1. Pursuant to section 33 and 58 of the Quarantine (Biosecurity) Act 2005 and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries ("the Ministry") efforts on prevention measures for the spread of African Swine Fever ("ASF"), the Public is hereby advised as follows:
 - a) Further assessments have been conducted by the Ministry and an additional brand has been added to the approved list of canned pork products listed in the notice published on the 7th of July 2020.
 - b) The listed brands of canned pork products have been approved and are allowed to be sold in supermarkets and retail shops;
 - (i) Deli pork luncheon meat
 - (ii) Tasi Pork Luncheon
 - (iii) Kings Choice Pork Luncheon
 - (iv) Uncle Sam
 - c) All other brand canned pork products from identified countries affected by ASF that have not been approved under prevention measure by the Ministry will not be sold and suspension remains in effect.
 - d) All brands of canned pork products from countries free from ASF are exempted from the suspension.
2. Future importation of canned pork products and pork products from countries listed as having the presence of ASF will require the prior approval of the Ministry.
3. Please obtain clearance from the Quarantine Division of the Ministry should you wish to clarify countries for which approval has been granted for importation of canned pork/pork products.
4. For more information, please contact the Ministry's Quarantine Division on telephone number (685) 20920 or contact my office directly on 22171.

Thank you

Tilafono David Hunter
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dated this 15th day of July 2020

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Introducing a new climatic tool to assist our local farmers

Samoa's farmers will soon benefit from receiving update weather advisories and alerts as part a Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) led to climate adaptation project.

The FAO of the United Nations organized a jointly workshop including the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), the University of the South Pacific (USP) and the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) to develop a platform which will provide the relevant information aimed at assisting farmers better plant their crop production.

The three key mandatory organisations are all focusing on implementing project to improve farming development within Samoa. The mechanism will alerts and early warning systems that are essential for farmers and rural dwellers to prepare for and adapt to changes in the climate.

The proponents of the project recently met to discuss the establishment of agrometeorology {agromet}, to assist local farmers save and protect their farms and crops from severe weather challenges. The Agromet is the study and use of weather and climate information to assist farmers in increasing agricultural crops.

According to a media release issued by the

UN agency, the FAO Subregional Coordinator Eriko Hibi said the crux of "Climate is seasonality, climate extremes and climate-driven pest and disease negatively impact agricultural production and rural livelihoods", he said. "Informed advisories, alets and robust early-warning systems are essential for farmers and rural dwellers to prepare for and adapt to changes in climate."

Mr Hibi said the project aims to produce agromet bulletin services for farmers to use agromet information or advisories as well as to collect data.

The FAO recently met with the MAF, MNRE, and the USP at the Samoa Meteorology Division office at Mulinuu to discuss progressing the initiative.

The FAO believes now is the time to utilize the process in the agriculture sector to provide agro-meteorological information and alerts to those, who can benefit the most as a technology for monitoring and dissemination of information advances.

A similar project is being planted in Nepal, Cambodia and Bhutan is part of a broader FAO initiative called the Asia-Pacific Regional Programme on Agrometeorological Services, Pest and Disease Alets and early warning systems for farmers.



Representatives from different Ministries meet to discuss Agrometeorology. Photographer: Supplied

