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Dept to review import plan amid swine fever outbreak

➤ Proposal comes after several farms in Selangor closed, causing meat supply shortage in market: Food security minister

KUALA LUMPUR: The Veterinary Services Department will review a proposal from the Federation of Pork Sellers Associations to import pork from Thailand, Brazil and China as a temporary measure to overcome local supply shortages.

Agriculture and Food Security Minister Datuk Seri Mohamad Sabu said the proposal comes after several pig farms in Selangor were closed due to an outbreak of African swine fever.

"Malaysia is still able to import pork from countries in Europe, Australia, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

"We encourage importers to source pork from these countries."

He highlighted that the shortage has hurt local pig farmers and led to a sharp increase in fresh pork prices,

impacting consumers.

A whole local pig is now priced at RM11,800 per 100kg, rising from between RM1,300 and RM1,400 per 100kg since last year.

The Agriculture and Food Security Ministry previously said thousands of pigs were culled in Selangor and Malacca, which forced a drop in pork supply and pushed meat prices higher.

Mohamad said the ministry would work closely with the Domestic Trade and Cost of Living Ministry to review proposals for pork price controls.

Price regulations, under the Price Control and Anti-Profitsteering Act 2011, are typically applied during festive seasons when demand is high, Bernama reported.

For a long-term solution to

address African swine fever, industry players are urged to upgrade their farms to a modern pig farming (MPP) system, which is proven to reduce the risk of diseases.

Mohamad welcomed support from the governments of Penang, Perak and Sabah for MPP implementation.

He also noted that Sarawak and Negeri Sembilan are taking steps to establish special pig farming areas (PPA) dedicated to the pig industry.

MPP and PPA use modern techniques to improve biosecurity and minimise the chance of disease outbreaks on farms.

While the transition to MPP requires significant investment, the ministry is ready to assist stakeholders through a streamlined process and plans to hold an engagement session soon.

"It is our hope that these measures would help stabilise the pork supply, benefit consumers and farmers, and enable us to achieve a 90% self-sufficiency rate in local pork production by 2030," said Mohamad.

Penang Pig Farmers Association

chairman Wong Fu Sheng said the number of pig farms has decreased by 25% following a major outbreak last year.

Wong said the Valdor, Sungal Jawi area has the highest number of pig farms in the state.

"The African swine fever outbreak forced farmers to reduce their livestock numbers to avoid overcrowding, which could speed up the spreading of the virus.

"Many farmers here are still recovering from the losses they suffered as they were forced to cull their pigs to contain the outbreak. African swine fever is still our biggest challenge."

He also said the price of maize, a key feed component, has risen from RM1800 per tonne before the Covid-19 pandemic to RM2,000 at its peak.

"On top of dealing with the African swine fever outbreak, the rising cost of feed is putting further pressure on us," he said.

According to the Veterinary Services Department, there were 401 pig farms in Peninsular Malaysia and 118 in East Malaysia as of 2023.

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