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DLD has strict on food production standards to ensure livestock products are free from COVID-19

Dr. Sorravis Thaneto, DG of DLD, explained about the news that the workers at a chicken slaughterhouse were found infected with COVID-19 virus. According to the collaborating between the Saraburi Provincial Health office and the business operator on the active surveillance program for controlling and preventing the COVID-19 virus, the infected workers were identified and isolated for receiving the treatments. Moreover, the workers who have high-risk contacts were quarantined for the assessment. The establishment was immediately shut down and the intensive cleaning and disinfection was carried out in place. The environment samples were taken to ensure that there was no virus remaining.

The Department of Livestock Development (DLD), which is the competent authority on food safety especially livestock products, has realized the importance of this issue since the beginning of COVID-19 virus outbreak and strived for preventing the virus contamination in the products. The COVID-19 virus prevention measures were implemented to carefully manipulate the food safety in the food business operators and avoid the contamination in the food processing from raw material receiving step to products transportation.

The DG added that there are official veterinarians and meat inspectors operating at the exporting livestock food processing plants to ensure the food safety and now focusing on the COVID-19 virus prevention as well. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the DLD has developed the COVID-19 virus sampling plan covering samples from the exporting food processing plants and markets. The 2,251 samples were collected and analyzed. There was no sample detected the virus. If there were risks of the COVID-19 virus contamination, the DLD will not allow to sell or export the products. Hence, please be confident of the safety of the meat. The DLD certified meat shops with the “DLD OK” sign are the best choice of meat for consumers. Furthermore, having thoroughly cooked meat could prevent from the COVID-19 virus and other food-poisoning pathogens.

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