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The  
Incident commander,  
Dzongkhag C19 Taskforce  
.....Dzongkhag

**Subject: Containment of drivers carrying essential goods and their escort**

Dasho,

The 24<sup>th</sup> Sarpang Dzongkhag C19 Taskforce meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 deliberated in detail regarding efficient monitoring and containment of the drivers carrying essential goods from your Dzongkhag.

It was felt that Sarpang Dzongkhag has been doing everything possible to facilitate the efficient movement of trucks carrying essential goods to and from your Dzongkhag. In doing so, the vehicles are allowed to return back in the same day without the need to undergo seven days quarantine period. However, since these drivers are spending almost whole day in a high-risk zone, there is always an imminent threat of contracting the virus and taking into your community. Therefore, it would be most wise to keep the drivers who regularly travel to Sarpang Dzongkhag under strict containment protocol within your Dzongkhag and monitor their health apart from regular testing for COVID 19. The group should be monitored by the Dzongkhag surveillance team. Regular periodic testing will ensure that they are free of the virus and more importantly serve as a marker of any hidden community transmission here in Sarpang.

Similarly, to ensure that these truckers are monitored throughout their travel for all COVID 19 safety norms especially while entering a high-risk zone, you are requested to send vehicle escort along with the trucks. Therefore, starting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Sarpang Dzongkhag will not allow the entry of any essential goods carrying vehicle without an escort.

We look forward for your kind cooperation in keeping our communities safe from the virus and prevent the potential spread from high to low risk area.

Yours Sincerely

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1. SCTF, Phuntsholing, Chhukha for kind information