**Sequence of events of the incident of pig carcasses with suspicious positive urine test results being released to the market**

**August 4**

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| 09:00 to noon | A total of 319 live pigs from affected batches from the Mainland reached Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse (SSSH) (120 nos) and Tsuen Wan Slaughterhouse (199 nos) in batches.  The Agricultural Chemicals and Veterinary Drugs Unit (ACVD), Centre for Food Safety, Food and Environmental Department (FEHD) collected urine samples from the pigs in batches. |
| 16:58 | The Veterinary Laboratory (Vet Lab) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) received the last batch of urine samples from ACVD for testing purpose. |
| 21:10 | Vet Lab staff verbally informed ACVD that the preliminary reports showed that some urine samples submitted were suspected to contain beta-agonists, and indicated that further testing was required to confirm the findings. |
| 21:40 | ACVD informed an importer to stand by for segregating the pigs. |
| 22:26 | Vet Lab issued its first written interim report, which indicated that among the test results of the urine samples sent in the relevant period, the status of 15 samples were “pending”. |
| 23:55 | The Meat Inspection Unit (MIU) of the FEHD checked the urine test results through the Slaughterhouse Record System and found that the test results of samples sent in the relevant period remained “pending”.  Upon enquiry, MIU was informed by ACVD that the results were still “pending”. |

**August 5**

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| 00:00 | Slaughtering commenced. Post-mortem inspection of the pigs was conducted by FEHD’s Health Inspectors (HIs). The pig carcasses passed the inspection were applied with “Government Inspected” stamp and were delivered to individual retail outlets in batches. |
| 00:05 | ACVD instructed an importer that the affected batches of the pigs should be detained. |
| 00:15 | Vet Lab informed ACVD that the test results were not available yet. |
| 00:30 | MIU called ACVD to enquire about the status of the test results and was told that the test results were still “pending”. |
| 01:20 | ACVD informed the operator of SSSH, Ng Fung Hong (NFH) that the affected batches of the pigs needed to be detained immediately. |
| 01:50 | MIU called ACVD to enquire about detention of affected batches of the pigs. In reply, ACVD requested MIU to detain the pigs since the test results of the concerned batch of pigs were very likely positive. MIU immediately informed NFH to take action to detain the affected pigs. |
| 02:15 | MIU requested NFH to liaise with buyers to trace the affected batches of the pig carcasses which might have been released from SSSH to the retail outlets. |
| 03:00 | Vet Lab issued the second written interim test report which showed that the test results of the affected batches of pigs were “pending”, while the results of the remaining batches were satisfactory. |
| 04:00 | Vet Lab issued the final written report which confirmed that the test results of 6 urine samples were positive. |
| 04:00 to 07:30 | NFH traced, marked and sealed the affected pigs in SSSH, but some had been released to local retail outlets. |
| 09:00 | FEHD learned that progress of tracing of affected batches of pig carcasses being released to local market was not satisfactory. NFH was requested to provide information on the delivery addresses of the pig carcasses. |
| 11:00 | NFH provided a preliminary list of retail outlets concerned to FEHD, but some information was missing. |
| 13:00 | NFH provided additional information on the list of retail outlets concerned to FEHD. |
| 15:00 | Upon repeated checking of the list of retail outlets concerned with NFH, FEHD immediately deployed HIs to the retail outlets concerned to mark and seal the affected pig carcasses and offals. |
| 15:30 to around 18:00 | HIs conducted a mark and seal operation at the retail outlets concerned. |
| 18:20 | The mark and seal operation was completed. |
| 18:30 to 20:30 | Final list of retail outlets concerned was being compiled. |
| 22:00 | FEHD held a media stand-up session, issued a press release and announced the list of retail outlets concerned. Members of the public were urged to stop consuming the pork and pig offals bought from the affected retail outlets. |

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