



Temporary Disruption of Pig Slaughter Operations at Abattoir due to Accidental Ammonia Gas Leak

The abattoir at Buroh Lane reported an accidental ammonia gas leak today. As a result there was no slaughter operations at the abattoir today.

2 The ammonia gas was traced to a leak in one of the pork chiller rooms and the premise was quickly cordoned off as a safety precaution as well as to rectify the leak.

3 There will be no supply on 10 and 11 Nov 09, of chilled pork from pigs imported from Indonesia slaughtered at the abattoir. However, there is minimal impact on the supply of pork in Singapore as there is sufficient supply of chilled pork from Australia as well as frozen pork from other AVA-approved sources.

4 The slaughter of pigs is expected to resume at the abattoir tomorrow after the all-clear has been given by the authorities including AVA. AVA will ensure that it will be safe for the abattoir personnel to resume operations and that the pork produced is safe and free from ammonia contamination. Supply of chilled pork from pigs imported from Indonesia is expected to be available in the market on 12 Nov 09.

5 AVA would like to assure the public that pork in Singapore is safe for consumption.

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