

# **SOP for Surplus Potato and Ginger collection and transportation to Samdrup Jongkhar**

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## **Background**

With onset of potato and ginger harvest in the region, it is important to export these cash crops to help farmers generate income. There is surplus production of potato in all Dzongkhags in the east except for Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag. Similarly, Lhuentse, Trashigang, Pema Gatshel and Samdrup Jongkhar Dzongkhag have surplus production of ginger.

## **Objective**

The objective of SOP is to facilitate collection and transportation of potato and ginger to Samdrup Jongkhar for export.

## **Scope**

The SOP will be followed to facilitate export of potato and ginger during this COVID lockdown in the region.

## **Implementing agencies**

- i. RAMCO
- ii. Dzongkhag Agriculture Sector, six eastern Dzongkhag
- iii. Gewog Administration
- iv. Dzongkhag COVID TF

## **Supporting agencies**

- i. Dzongkhag TF, Samdrup Jongkhar
- ii. ECCO, Dewathang

For effective implementation of the activity, following activities will have to be carried out in a sequential manner to facilitate collection and transportation of potato and ginger up to the stock yard.

1. Dzongkhag Agriculture Sector shall submit surplus quantity of potato and ginger to RAMCO, Mongar through SEP system to facilitate export.
2. RAMCO, Mongar in collaboration with Dzongkhag Agriculture Sector shall identify and update the list of traders involved in export of potato and ginger.
3. The traders and FCBL shall provide details of area of potato and ginger collection in different parts of the Dzongkhags in the region.

4. The collection and transportation of potato and ginger from source to Samdrup Jongkhar shall be carried out by traders and FCBL. In order avoid gathering, the traders/ FCBL should inform collection date to Gewog and Dzongkhag COVID TF and RAMCO/ECCO.
5. The Dzongkhag Agriculture Sector shall share detail plan with collection points identified for collection of potato and ginger. The information will be shared with ECCO/ RAMCO, Mongar for coordination.
6. The producers/ farmers shall reach their produces to the collection point before a day for loading by trader/FCBL.
7. The collection of potato in Dzongkhag shall be strictly monitored by Gewog Administration and Dzongkhag Agriculture Sector and ensure strict adherence to the health protocols.
  - 7.1. Follow physical distancing among farmers
  - 7.2. All people at collection point to have PPE
  - 7.3. Use hand sanitizer
8. RAMCO in collaboration with Dzongkhag Agriculture Sector, Gewog Administration shall coordinate to collect potato and ginger from Dzongkhag.
9. The trader shall use their own vehicle to collect from the site upon 100 percent down payment to the farmers. Farmers will not be allowed to bring their produces to auction yard.
10. The date of collection will be planned in collaboration with traders and FCBL by RAMCO.
11. The Dzongkhag Agriculture Sector shall facilitate the trader to issue route permit and identification card for driver with validity period from respective Dzongkhag COVID TF.
12. In order to minimize crowd and traffic, RAMCO/ECCO shall prepare a plan to transport potato and ginger from the Dzongkhag.
13. The traders shall ensure that unloaders are stationed at auction yard. The driver of the truckload will have to immediately return after unloading the produces.
14. Once the produces reach its destination, the traders shall follow import and export SOP in place to export the produces. The Dzongkhag COVID TF, Samdrup Jongkhar shall coordinate and facilitate export.

**Details of traders and their representatives in the Gewog for Potato collection and transportation in the region during lockdown**

Trader	Dzongkhag	Representative	Gewog	Collection point	Size	Offered rate
FCBL	Mongar	RM, FCBL, Sjongkhar	Balam	Gewog centre	Big	22
			Drametse	Zangkhar	Medium	21
			Chaskhar	Gewog centre	Small	14
			Sherimuhung	Sherimuhung town Sherizampa		
			Kengkhar and Jurmey	Tongla		
	Trashiyangtse		Bumdeling	Gewog centre		
			Toedtsho	Gewog centre		
	Trashigang		Yangnyer	Gewog centre Dalihangma(if road is pliable)		
			Kanglung	Khangma		
			Khaling	Gewog centre		
			Uzorong	Dothphu Pam		
			Radhi, Bidung, Phonmey, Shongphu	Rangjung Farm shop		
			Lumang	Moshi		
			Thrimshing	Gewog centre Brekha		
			Kangpara	Thrimshing Gewog centre		
			Lhuentse	Tshenkhar	Autsho	

	Samdrup Jongkhar		Gangzur	Gewog centre Zham Shawa junction		
			Gomdar	Narphung		
			Wangphu	Gomdar		
			Orong	Gewog centre Wooling junction		
<b>Lotay</b>	Trashiyangtse	Karma Tshering	Yangtse	Gewog centre Lichen Sep	Big	21-22
	Trashigang	Dorji	Ramjar/ Phongmey	Gewog centre/ Bartsham Ramjar lhahang Nagtshang/ Bidung Drametse-Rolong Narang-school Gongthung/Gewog centre	Medium	18-19
		Pema Wangda	Uzorong	Rangshikhar/Samkhar Yonphupam/Kanglung Yonphula/Kanglung Ronthung/ Kanglung Jeri-Lemi/ Khaling	Small	10:13
		Choning Dorji	Uzorong			

		Ugyen Tenzin	Yangnyer	Daliphangma Bainang Karkhangwoong Shingkar Chang zoe			
		Sonam Tobgay	Kanglung	Cheya Uzorong			
	Mongar	Kinley	Drametse/ Narang	Balam, Mongar, Drametse, Chaskhar, Kanglung			
<b>Bhutan Green Products</b>	Trashigang	Ugyen Cheki	Bartsham	Gewog centre	Big	20-21	
	Trashiyangtse	Singay Wangchuk	Khamdang	Shakshing gonpa	Small	15	
	Mongar	Kinley Jamtsho	Narang	Chema Khalong			
		Dhendup	Drametse	Shadang			
		Balam	Sonam Wangchuk	Gewog centre			
		Lobzang	Narang	Gewog centre			
<b>Tashi Tenzin</b>	Trashiyangtse	Choney Dorji	Khamdang	Khamdang/ Tshenkharla	Big	20-21	
		Tashi Tshering	Jamkhar	Jamkhar	Medium	19-20	
		Tashi Wangchuk	Toedtsho	Jangphu	Small	13	
		Tshen Dorji	Toedtsho	Nangkhar gonpa			
		Samten Dorji	Bumdeling	Bumdeling			
		Dorji Wangdi	Khamdang	Tshangpochen school/ Nangkhar gonpa			

Trashigang	Yang Dorji	Thrimshing/ Kangpara	Thrimshing/ Kangpar/ Tsangpo school		
	Tandin Dorji	Khaling/ Lumang	Khaling/ Wamrong/ Kanglung		
Mongar	Thinley	Narang	Narang		
	Sangay Tenzin	Narang	Narang/ Khalong/ Thrinangphung		

**Details of traders and their representatives in the Gewog for Ginger collection and transportation in the region during lockdown**

<b>Trader</b>	<b>Dzongkhag</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Gewog</b>	<b>Collection point</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Lotay	Samdrup Jongkhar	Khawjay	Gomdar	Gewog centre	Farm gate price-27 F.O.B- 30 SJ
Bhutan Green Products	Samdrup Jongkhar	Sherab Dorji	Pemathang	Tshangchuthama	Group-32/kg
			Phuntsothang		Indi-25/kg
		Chahey	Wangphu	Gewog centre	
		Jambay Kerpo Lobzang Tshering	Orong	Rimung Suzung Wooling	
		Ugyen Tshering	Dewathang	Rekhey	
		Cheku	Gomdar	Gewog centre	
Tashi Tenzin	Samdrup Jongkhar	Karma	Gomdar	Gewog centre	Farm gate price-27 F.O.B- 30 SJ
			Wangphu	Gewog centre	
		Ngawang Sherab	Pemathang	Gewog centre	
		Jigme Wangmo	Phuntshothang	Sangshingzor	
		Cheten	Serthi	Serthi/ Brakalangthang	
	Pemagatshel	Norbu	Nanong	Gewog centre	