



GUIDANCE FOR PIG KEEPERS

THE LAW REGARDING THE KEEPING AND MOVEMENT OF PIGS

THE PIGS (RECORDS, IDENTIFICATION AND MOVEMENT) ORDER 2003

MOVEMENT OF PIGS

The Disease Control (England) Order 2003

A person wishing to move a pig should be in possession of, and must comply with the conditions of the "General Licence for the Movement of Pigs". A copy of the General Licence can be obtained from this Service.

'20 Day Standstill' Disease Detection and Control

No pigs may be moved off premises within 20 days of any pigs being moved onto those premises, or any other premises in the same sole occupancy group. There is an exemption for pigs being moved to an abattoir, or to slaughter via a dedicated slaughter market or slaughter collection centre.

Pigs moved within a DEFRA approved pyramid, and pigs being moved on from a DEFRA approved source do not trigger a 20 day standstill at the destination premise.

Pigs (mainly specialist or pedigree breeding stock) which are not within a pyramid may move to a farm for breeding and will not trigger a standstill either there or when they return home provided that:

- they are individually identified, and
- the person to whom the pigs are sent, signs a declaration stating that the pigs are for breeding and sends the declaration to the local authority, and
- the pigs are isolated on the breeding premises in DEFRA approved isolation facilities. The facilities may contain resident stock, but **not** animals brought from outside the breeding premises, and
- **either** they are isolated for 20 days before leaving in DEFRA approved isolation facilities, **or** they have observed a 20 day standstill on the premises of origin.

Pigs moving to a show are exempt from the standstill on the premises of origin provided that they are individually identified and have been kept in DEFRA approved isolation facilities for 20 days before departure. They will not trigger a standstill on return provided that they are kept in DEFRA approved isolation facilities for 20 days.

'6 Day Standstill' Following Movement On of Sheep, Cattle or Goats

No pigs may be moved off a premise within 6 days of any sheep, cattle or goats moving onto that premise or any other premise in the same sole occupancy group. There is an exemption for pigs being moved to an abattoir, or to slaughter via dedicated slaughter market or slaughter collection centre.

Pig Movement/Report Document

All pigs, except *pet pigs, moved off any premise must be accompanied by a 'Report of a Pig Movement Document' (Ref: AML2), which has 4 copies. The yellow copy remains at the premises of departure. The pink and white copies travel with the animals and are handed to the occupier of the destination premise, where Section C of the form is completed. The pink copy is retained by the destination premise for 6 months and the white copy must be forwarded (by post or fax) to the Local Authority, for the area in which the destination premise is located, within 3 days of the pig's arrival. The blue copy may be retained by the haulier for 6 months [in case of the ATC requirements].

In the case of pigs being despatched for export, then the despatching premise is responsible for sending the white copy of the 'movement report' to their Local Authority.

A supply of the AML2 document can be obtained from this Service.

*A specific movement licence is required to move a pig, which is kept solely as a pet. You must contact this Service or DEFRA to obtain a licence before the pig is moved.

Movement of Pigs from a Market

Before moving pigs from a market, you must obtain a specific movement licence from the local authority Animal Health Inspector attending the market.

On Farm Sales

Before holding a sale of pigs on your farm, you must obtain a licence from the Trading Standards Service.

MOVEMENT RECORDS

The owner or person in charge of a pig shall make and maintain a record, showing the following details:

Date of movement:	Identification mark:	Number of pigs:	Premises from which removed:	Premises to which moved:

Details of movements must be recorded within 36 hours of their taking place and must be retained for 6 years.

A yearly count of pigs must take place and the number recorded.

Swill or Catering Waste (waste from catering and domestic waste) cannot be fed to any pig.

IDENTIFICATION OF PIGS

All pigs must be identified before they leave the premises. The requirements are:

Export Pigs – A DEFRA approved eartag or tattoo consisting of the letters 'UK' followed by the herd mark of the holding and also an individual identification number, allotted by the keeper and prefixed (in the case of an eartag) by the letter 'P'.

Other pigs moved within Great Britain

All pigs under 1 year old moving to another holding = eartag / tattoo/ slap or temporary mark.

To slaughter = slap on each shoulder or eartag / tattoo .

Pigs over 1 year to all destinations = slap on each shoulder or eartag or tattoo.

Tags must be heat resistant and the slap / tag tattoo consist of the allocated Defra herd mark.

In the case of a pig moving to an exhibition, show, or for breeding purposes and which is

intending to return home, the pig must be identified in the same way as pigs going for export, but without the 'P' prefix to the individual identification number.

NB This information must be recorded as part of the animal movement record.

NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF HOLDINGS

Notification of holdings – A keeper shall notify Defra in writing, within one month of the establishment of a holding supplying the address of holding number name and address of owner occupier.

Owners or persons in charge of pigs, must be registered with their Local Divisional Veterinary Manager, who must also be notified of any changes in writing.

For the owners of pigs in the Borough of Swindon, this is:

Divisional Veterinary Manager, DEFRA, Animal Health Divisional Office, Sawmills End, Corinium Avenue, Gloucester GL4 3DE. Tel: (01452) 627400.