

## SCHEDULE 6

### ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO THE KEEPING OF PIGS

#### PART 6

##### Weaners and rearing pigs

**40.** Weaners and rearing pigs must be—

- (a) placed in groups as soon as possible after weaning; and
- (b) kept in stable groups with as little mixing as possible.

**41.**—(1) If weaners and rearing pigs unfamiliar with one another have to be mixed, this should be done at as young an age as possible, and, where reasonably practicable, no later than one week after weaning.

(2) When weaners and rearing pigs are mixed they must be provided with adequate opportunities to escape and hide from other pigs.

**42.** The use of tranquillising medication in order to facilitate the mixing of weaners and rearing pigs must be limited to exceptional conditions and only after consultation with a veterinary surgeon.

**43.** When signs of severe fighting appear among weaners and rearing pigs, the causes must be immediately investigated and appropriate measures must be taken.

**44.** The unobstructed floor area available to each weaner or rearing pig reared in a group must be at least—

- (a)  $0.15\text{m}^2$  for each animal where the average weight of the animals in the group is 10 kg or less;
- (b)  $0.20\text{m}^2$  for each animal where the average weight of the animals in the group is more than 10 kg but less than or equal to 20 kg;
- (c)  $0.30\text{m}^2$  for each animal where the average weight of the animals in the group is more than 20 kg but less than or equal to 30 kg;
- (d)  $0.40\text{m}^2$  for each animal where the average weight of the animals in the group is more than 30 kg but less than or equal to 50 kg;
- (e)  $0.55\text{m}^2$  for each animal where the average weight of the animals in the group is more than 50 kg but less than or equal to 85 kg;
- (f)  $0.65\text{m}^2$  for each animal where the average weight of the animals in the group is more than 85 kg but less than or equal to 110 kg; and
- (g)  $1.00\text{m}^2$  for each animal where the average weight of the animals in the group is more than 110 kg.