

SCHEDULE 2

Regulations 2 and 3(a)

PIGS

PART I

Part I of this Schedule specifies permitted procedures which may be performed by a lay person in relation to pigs

Identification procedures

- 1.—(1) Ear tagging;
- (2) Microchipping;
- (3) Tattooing;
- (4) Other methods of identification involving a prohibited procedure required by law and not restricted to being undertaken by a veterinary surgeon.

Procedures for the control of reproduction

- 2.—(1) Artificial insemination;
- (2) Castration;
- (3) Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive.

Other management procedures

- 3.—(1) Nose ringing;
- (2) Tail docking;
- (3) Tooth reduction;
- (4) Tusk trimming.

PART II

Part II specifies any additional conditions for a procedure

Castration

4. Castration of pigs aged not more than 7 days by a method not involving the tearing of tissues.

Implantation of a subcutaneous contraceptive

- 5.—(1) The procedure may not be carried out on a farmed animal;
- (2) The procedure shall only be carried out as part of a conservation breeding programme.

Nose ringing

6. The procedure shall only be carried out on an animal that is not kept continuously in an indoor husbandry system.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).

Tail docking

7.—(1) The procedure shall only be carried out where measures to improve environmental conditions or management systems have first been taken to prevent tail-biting, but there is still evidence to show that injury to pigs' tails by biting has occurred.

(2) Tail docking of pigs aged not more than 7 days may be carried out without an anaesthetic as long as there is quick and complete severance of the part of the tail to be removed.

Tooth reduction

8.—(1) The procedure shall only be carried out where measures to improve environmental conditions or management systems have first been taken to prevent tail-biting and other vices, but there is still evidence to show that injury to sows' teats or to other pigs' ears or tails by biting has occurred.

(2) The procedure shall only be carried out on an animal that is aged not more than 7 days.

(3) The procedure shall consist only of the uniform reduction of the corner teeth by—

(i) grinding; or

(ii) clipping,

so as to leave an intact smooth surface.

Tusk trimming

9.—(1) The procedure shall only be carried out where there is evidence to show that it is necessary to prevent injury to other animals or for safety reasons.

(2) An anaesthetic shall be administered.