

## SCHEDULE 8

Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of pigs

### PART 6

#### WEANERS AND REARING PIGS

40. As soon as possible after weaning, weaners and rearing pigs shall be kept in stable groups with as little mixing as possible.

41. If weaners and rearing pigs unfamiliar with one another have to be mixed—

- (a) this shall, if possible, be done before weaning or up to 1 week after weaning or otherwise when the pigs are as young as possible; and
- (b) they shall be provided with adequate opportunities to escape and hide from other pigs.

42. The use of tranquillising medication in order to facilitate mixing shall be limited to exceptional conditions and only after consultation with a veterinary surgeon.

43. If signs of severe fighting appear, the causes shall be immediately investigated and appropriate measures shall be taken.

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

- (a) 0.15 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is 10 kg or less;
- (b) 0.20 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 10 kg but less than or equal to 20 kg;
- (c) 0.30 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 20 kg but less than or equal to 30 kg;
- (d) 0.40 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 30 kg but less than or equal to 50 kg;
- (e) 0.55 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 50 kg but less than or equal to 85 kg;
- (f) 0.65 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 85 kg but less than or equal to 110 kg; and
- (g) 1.00 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 110 kg.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Welfare of Farmed Animals Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012, PART 6.