
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 1995

PART II

RECORDS AND IDENTIFICATION OF PIGS

RECORDS OF PIGS

Records and notifications of holdings

3.—(1) It shall be the duty of the owner or person in charge of any pig on a holding to notify in writing the Divisional Veterinary Officer for the area in which the holding is situated of—

- (a) the address of the holding;
- (b) the name and address of the owner or occupier of the holding;
- (c) the identification number of the holding (if known to the person giving the notification); and
- (d) the species of any livestock kept on the holding.

(2) In the case of a holding established before this Order comes into force,—

- (a) where a request in writing has been sent to the owner or person in charge of a pig on a holding by the Divisional Veterinary Officer before the end of the period ending one month after this Order comes into force, that duty shall be complied with within one month after that request is sent to him or within one month after this Order comes into force, if later; and
- (b) in any other case, that duty shall be complied with within two months after this Order comes into force.

(3) In the case of a holding established after this Order comes into force, the duty imposed by paragraph (1) above shall be complied with within one month of the establishment of the holding.

(4) Within one month of any change being made in the notified particulars or of any addition to the information referred to in paragraph (1) above, the owner or person in charge of any pig on a holding shall in writing notify the Divisional Veterinary Officer of the change or the addition.

(5) The owner or person in charge of a pig on a holding shall give the notified particulars to an inspector if requested to do so.

(6) In this article “Divisional Veterinary Officer” means the veterinary inspector appointed as such by the Minister for the area in which the holding is situated.

Records of pigs

4.—(1) The owner or person in charge of a pig on a holding shall make and maintain a record—

- (a) in the form set out in Schedule 1 to this Order in respect of each movement of pigs to or from the holding; and

- (b) of the maximum number of pigs ordinarily present on the holding (revised at least annually).
- (2) In the case of any person who sells any pig (whether by auction or by private treaty) on premises used as a market of pigs by auction, he shall (in addition to the records required by paragraph (1) above) make and retain a written record of the name and address of the vendor and purchaser of each lot of pigs, and the number of the pen or pens in which each lot was held.
- (3) Every record under this article shall—
 - (a) be made within 36 hours after the movement or sale recorded; and
 - (b) be retained by the owner or person in charge of the pig or the holding for a period of three years from the end of the year in which the last entry was made.
- (4) Any person who is for the time being in charge of any record required to be kept under this article shall, on demand made by an inspector at any reasonable hour, produce the record and allow a copy to be made of it.
- (5) Where a record required to be made under this article is made in electronic or magnetic form, references in paragraph (4) above—
 - (a) to production of the record are, if the inspector so requires, references to its production in written form; and
 - (b) to taking of extracts or copies of the record are references to the taking thereof in written form.

IDENTIFICATION OF PIGS

Identification marks

- 5.—**(1) It shall not be lawful to move a pig with a view to its being moved to a place outside Great Britain unless before the movement commences it is marked with an identification mark (which shall be legible for the life of the pig to which it is applied) in the form of an ear tag or of a tattoo.
- (2) The identification mark referred to in paragraph (1) above—
 - (a) shall comprise the country code 'UK' and the herd mark of the holding on which the mark is applied; and
 - (b) may include a distinctive number allotted to the pig by the owner or person in charge of it prefixed, in the case of an ear tag, by the letter "P".
 - (3) It shall not be lawful to move a pig between holdings in Great Britain unless before the movement commences it is marked either—
 - (a) with an identification mark which complies with the preceding paragraphs, or
 - (b) with an identification mark which will last at least until the pig reaches its destination and which, either by itself or by reference to a document accompanying the pig during the movement, enables the holding from which the pig was last moved to be identified.
 - (4) Save in accordance with an authority issued by a veterinary inspector, it shall not be lawful for any person—
 - (a) to remove from a pig an identification mark which has been applied or attached to it in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this article; or
 - (b) to replace an identification mark applied or attached to a pig in accordance with those provisions otherwise than in replacement of one which has become illegible or which has been lost.

Ear tags

6.—(1) It shall not be lawful for any person to attach to a pig an identification mark in the form of an ear tag unless the ear tag satisfies the provisions of paragraph (2) below; and in this Order references to an ear tag are to an ear tag which satisfies those provisions.

(2) An ear tag shall be so constructed as—

- (a) not adversely to affect the well-being of the pig to which it is attached;
- (b) to be incapable of being altered in such a way that the fact of alteration cannot be readily observed; and
- (c) to be incapable of re-use.