

FCI

Food Chain Information



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From 1 January 2008 all pig producers are required to provide Food Chain Information (FCI) to the slaughterhouse with every consignment of pigs sent to slaughter and contains all the information previously contained on casualty pigs forms. Under EU Hygiene regulations 2006 pig farms are recognised as food business operators (FBO).

If pigs are sold to markets or collection centres, the pig producer must supply FCI with the pigs. The markets can then complete the destination abattoir details and number of pigs and, if necessary photocopy the form if the consignment is split.

The abattoir is legally responsible for ensuring that it collects all necessary information to comply with the FCI elements of the EU legislation. The Food Standards Agency through the Meat Hygiene Service are responsible for ensuring FCI legislation is applied in the UK. If FCI is not provided, the legislation from 01 Jan 2008 requires that carcasses are not health marked and therefore cannot enter the food chain. FCI will also be used by FSA and MHS in introducing simplified inspection systems.

GOAL



FCI Producing
timely information



A whole chain approach to
food production, Providing
safe pork to the consumer

The advantages of FCI

To ensure abattoirs have all the information they need about the pigs they receive to apply HACCP-based food safety systems. FCI will also be used by FSA and MHS in introducing simplified inspection systems.

The FCI can be submitted in either a paper format with the pigs or using the BPEX FCI online database.

The FCI online service provides the following advantages to producers and abattoirs

- Cutting out some of the paperwork required when sending pigs to slaughter
- Cutting down the time need to complete FCI by using assurance scheme, ZNCP databases and a directory of veterinary medicines (including withdrawal periods) to prepopulate most of the answers
- Automatically uploaded on to the MHS database saving them time and the FBO money
- One list of all FCI due sent to abattoirs prior to the arrival of pigs
- Automatic feed back of MHS CCIR (carcase inspection results) reports to producers and abattoirs with corporate daily or weekly summary reports also now available.

3 KEY STEPS TO SIMPLE FCI INFORMATION

- Use the BPEX online service www.bpex-fci.org.uk
- Complete the FCI in advance of the pigs going to abattoir or market
- For small producers ask your abattoir for a paper form or contact the telephone number overleaf



BPEX online Food Chain Information



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New Legislation 01.01.2008

The **BPEX online services**
your **quick** and **easy** solution to FCI



Simply register online for password protected access at www.bpex-fci.org.uk

Receive your login by email, and then confirm your site, contact and vet details only once

Quickly and easily complete the FCI online for a consignment of pigs using pre-populated information in the database. Submit online anytime up to midnight the day before the pigs are booked to arrive at abattoir.

Within 48hs automatically receive an MHS report on your consignment of pigs via email.

At midnight before the consignment of pigs arrives, your Abattoir + Meat Hygiene Service (MHS) automatically receive an Email with your FCI



What if the abattoir doesn't use email?
Simply complete the consignment, **print and fax** to the abattoir or **print** and give to the haulier with your pigs and the AML2 form.

For more information please visit www.bpex-fci.org.uk
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