

ANIMAL HEALTH ACT 1981
THE DISEASE CONTROL (ENGLAND) ORDER 2003 (AS AMENDED)
GENERAL LICENCE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF PIGS
PART I

In accordance with Article 12 of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003, (the "Disease Control Order"¹), the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs hereby authorises by this licence the movement of pigs within England, subject to the following conditions:

General

1. Prior to any movement the owner/keeper shall inspect the pigs to be moved for signs of any notifiable disease² (including Foot and Mouth Disease). If there is any suspicion of the presence of a notifiable disease, it must be notified without delay to the relevant Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) office and no animal kept on the premises of departure may be moved under this licence whilst the suspicion of disease is investigated or as advised by APHA.

Cleansing and disinfection

2. Any vehicle used for the movement of pigs under this licence must be cleansed and disinfected in accordance with the Transport of Animals (Cleansing and Disinfection) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 and the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 (WATO). This is without prejudice to the need to comply with all other applicable legal requirements in relation to any movement.

Movements not permitted under this licence

3. This licence may not be used to move pigs from:
 - Market of any description to another market of any description
 - Market of any description to a collecting centre or assembly centre
 - Collecting centre to a market of any description
 - Collecting centre to collecting centre
 - Slaughterhouse to any other place
 - Collecting centre to a farm
 - Dedicated slaughter market to any premises other than a slaughterhouse
 - Dedicated slaughter collection to any premises other than a slaughterhouse
 - Market to Artificial Insemination centre
 - Approved assembly centre to any other place other than:
 - to a port or airport;
 - to the premises from which the pigs were initially consigned to the assembly centre³;
 - to a slaughterhouse in Great Britain;
 - to a dedicated slaughter market in Great Britain.
4. This licence may not be used to move pigs between common land (being land over which the owner or keeper has a registered right of common as defined in paragraph 9(3) of Schedule 1 of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003) and any premises other than:
 - the premises occupied by the owner or keeper of the animal and in relation to which the registered right of common is exercised; or
 - premises occupied by any other person who has a registered right of common over that land and in relation to which the right of common is exercised.

¹ References in this licence to UK legislation are references to that legislation as amended from time to time.

² www.gov.uk/disease-notification-duties-of-farmers/

³ except that pigs which have completed the relevant residency period required by EU legislation and the relevant standstill period on the premises of origin may move from an approved assembly centre to a farm in Great Britain other than that from which they were initially consigned to the approved assembly centre

5. Pet pigs may not be moved under this licence, unless they are moving from one agricultural premises to another agricultural premises. Pet pigs that are being taken for a walk and are returned immediately to the premises they were moved from should be moved under a walking licence in accordance with article 20 of the Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 2011 issued by the relevant APHA office, which will have the route details attached. These licences are valid for up to one year, and the owner of the pet pig is required to carry a copy of the licence when walking it.

20 day rule

6. No pig may be moved under this licence from premises on to which one or more pigs have been moved in the preceding 20 day period (or 6 days if the animals moved on to the premises are sheep, goats or cattle) where this would not be lawful under the Disease Control Order. A summary of the relevant exemptions under that Order in relation to this rule is set out in Annex A.

Animal identification, movement documents and record keeping

7. All movements are subject to the provisions of The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 2011 (PRIMO).

Compliance with the provisions of that Order shall be a condition of this licence. This is without prejudice to the need to comply with all other applicable legal requirements in relation to any movement.

Multiple Pick-ups/Drop offs

8. Multiple pick-ups and drop-offs are permitted for all movements under this licence subject to the conditions set out at Annex B unless prohibited by any future measures.

Stops

9. Scheduled stops will be permitted for all movements under this licence subject to the conditions set out at Annex C unless prohibited by any future measures. No transfers of livestock between vehicles (or unloading of livestock except in an emergency) are allowed at any stop, whether scheduled or not except in the case of multiple pick up or drop off operations where this is done in accordance with the instructions set out in Annex B.

Mixing of Species

10. Animals of more than one species may travel in a single vehicle at any one time.

Movement Reporting

11. Pigs moving to or from shows, exhibitions, for breeding purposes, or a semen collection centre must be individually identified and that number must be recorded on the movement document.
12. All movements of pigs under the authority of this licence must be reported in accordance with Part 4 (Movements) of PRIMO.
13. Except where pigs are being moved to a market or collection centre in accordance with the provisions of PRIMO Article 14, the keeper at the premises of departure shall ensure that the movement of pigs is notified electronically, in advance, to AHDB Pork or by telephone to the Meat and Livestock Commercial Services Limited (MLCSL) bureau in order to produce or obtain a completed movement document before pigs are moved.
14. All movements must be accompanied by a completed movement document.
15. The movement document may also be used to meet the reporting requirements of The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006.
16. Multiple-moves must not be recorded on a single movement document.
17. If a large consignment of pigs is moved in more than one trip a separate movement document must be completed for each trip.
18. The keeper at the premises of destination shall ensure that the movement of pigs is notified to AHDB Pork electronically or MLCSL by telephone or in writing within 3 calendar days of the movement taking place.
19. Pigs moved for breeding purposes (including those returning from a place to which they had been moved for breeding) may only be moved on to premises without triggering a standstill where (a) an approved isolation facility is used on those premises in accordance with the Disease Control Order; and (b) the recipient completes the declaration at Part II to this licence and sends it to the relevant Local Authority without undue delay.

Zoo movements

20. Movements of pigs to, from, or between zoo premises licensed under the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 are not subject to the Disease Control Order. Such movements do not therefore fall within the terms of this licence.

Sole Occupancy Authority

21. This licence may not be used to move pigs from any premises within a Sole Occupancy Authority to any premises outside that Sole Occupancy Authority whilst any premises within that Sole Occupancy Authority are under a movement standstill as provided for by Articles 4 and 5 of the Disease Control Order.

Validity of Licence and Restrictions

22. No pigs may be moved under this licence on or off premises if this is contrary to any other notifiable disease control measures in place at the time of the proposed movement⁴.
23. This licence cannot be used to move any pigs whose movement is prohibited under any notice issued whether under article 13 of the Disease Control Order or otherwise.
24. Without prejudice to the liability of any other person for any breach of these conditions, it shall be the responsibility of both the owner and keeper of any pigs moved under the licence to ensure that a movement is at all times carried out subject to, and in compliance with, these conditions.

This licence comes into force at 00.01 hours on 1 July 2016.

Signed by Nieves Bottomley

Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Dated 29 June 2016

This licence hereby revokes and replaces the licence authorised on 3 April 2014 with effect from 00.01hrs 1 July 2016.

⁴ The latest information regarding notifiable disease control measures together with information on how to register to receive text alerts on such controls can be found at www.gov.uk/apha

PART II

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DECLARATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF A BREEDING PIG(S) */ A PIG RETURNING HOME AFTER A MOVEMENT FOR BREEDING*

I, (name) declare that I have received a pig/pigs* as follows:

Individual Identification Marks

At

Address of Premises of destination:									
CPH of premises of destination:									

From

Address of premises of departure:									
CPH of premises of departure:									

On(date)

- * I declare that this pig */ these pigs* is/are intended to be used for breeding purposes on the premises of destination listed above, and will be confined in an isolation facility at these premises that has been approved by notice by a veterinary inspector; or
- * I declare that this/these* pig/pigs* which has/have* been used for breeding purposes at the premises of departure is/are returning to the premises of destination indicated above, and will be confined for a period of 20 days from the date of arrival on these premises in an isolation facility that has been approved by notice by a veterinary inspector.

Signed:

Date:.....

(*delete where applicable)