

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 Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency 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 AHVLA.

Cleansing and disinfection

2. Any vehicle used for the movement of pigs under this licence must be thoroughly 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.

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

4. Pet pigs may not be moved under this licence, unless they are moving from one premises to another premises. Pet pigs that 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 Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency Office, which will have the route details attached. These licences are valid for up to one year, and the owner of the pig is required to carry a copy of the licence when walking it.

20 day rule

5. 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 ID, movement declarations and record keeping

6. All movements are subject to the provisions of:

The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 2011.

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

7. 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

8. 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

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

Movement Reporting

11. All movements of animals under the authority of this licence must be reported in accordance with Part 4 of the Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 2011.
12. All movements must be accompanied by a completed movement document.
13. The movement document may also be used to meet the reporting requirements of the Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 2006.
14. Multiple-moves must not be recorded on a single movement document.
15. If a large consignment of animals is moved in more than one trip a separate movement document must be completed for each trip.
16. The keeper at the holding of destination shall ensure that the movement of animals is notified to BPEX electronically or MLCSL by telephone or in writing within 3 days of the movement taking place.
17. If the animals are to be moved for breeding purposes then the recipient must complete the declaration at Part II of this licence.

Zoo movements

18. 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

14. 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

15. 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 movement.
16. 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
17. Without prejudice to the liability of any other person for any breach of these conditions, it shall be the responsibility of the owner/keeper of any animals 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 6 April 2014.

Signed By Nieves Bottomley

Officer of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Dated 3rd April 2013

This licence hereby revokes and replaces the licence authorised on 19 April 2010 with effect from 00.01hrs 6th April 2014.

PART II

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**DECLARATION BY THE RECIPIENT OF A BREEDING PIG(S) */
REPORT OF 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 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 in an isolation facility for a period of 20 days from the date of arrival on these premises.

Signed:

Date:.....

(*delete where applicable)