

To: All Keepers of Pigs in Scotland

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Dear Keeper

PIG IDENTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION – GUIDANCE FOR KEEPERS IN SCOTLAND

New legislation on the identification and registration of pigs came into force on the 1 October 2011. The legislation is implemented and enforced by the Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) (Scotland) Order 2011. The attached guidance explains how the legislation will operate in Scotland and covers issues such as identification, how to notify movements and the holding register. The main requirements are:

Identification

- pigs must be identified with an eartag, tattoo or a slapmark;
- pigs moving to a show or exhibition, to a semen collection centre, for breeding purposes, for intra-Community trade or export or under a walking licence must be identified with an eartag or a tattoo with a unique individual identification number;
- pigs moving to a market or slaughterhouse must be identified with an eartag, tattoo or slapmark; and
- pig less than 12 months old can be identified with a temporary mark, such as a paint mark, when moving between farms.

Notification of movements

- moves must be notified, either prior to the move taking place or on the day of the move;
- you can notify movements electronically to the ScotEID movement database – www.scoteid.com;
- you can notify movements by telephone to the ScotEID Information Centre – Tel No: 01466 794323; or
- you can also notify movements in writing to the ScotEID Information Centre. When you choose to notify movements by paper you are responsible for supplying your own movement document. A copy must be sent to ScotEID and a copy must also accompany the movement. A blank copy of a movement document is included with the guidance which you can photocopy and use to notify movements; and
- the receiving keeper must check and confirm receipt of the pigs within 3 days of their arrival to ScotEID.

Holding register

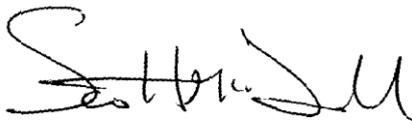
- every movement on or off your holding must be recorded in your holding register within 48 hours of the move taking place;
- you must keep your records for a minimum of 3 years (even if you stop keeping pigs);
- once a year you must record the number of pigs on your holding; and
- the ScotEID movement database has an on-line holding register which you can elect to use as your records – either fully or partially.

All of these requirements and more are fully explained in the guidance. If you have any questions concerning the guidance please contact the ScotEID Information Centre on the number above. Further copies of the guidance are available from your local RPID or AHVLA office, contact details are listed in Annex A and B of the guidance.

In addition to the guidance and blank movement document an information note has been included, which provides instruction on how to register and use the ScotEID movement database.

The ScotEID movement database is operational and keepers can start registering now and using the system. Local authorities have however, agreed to continue to process pig movements until the end of November 2011. All movements from the start of December 2011 must be notified to ScotEID using one of the movement notification methods outlined above.

Yours faithfully



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