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Scottish Livestock Industry Stakeholders  
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Dear Stakeholder and Veterinary Practices

## **THE EXPORT OF PIG MEAT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU), SEPARATION FROM WILD CLOVEN HOOFED ANIMALS**

We are writing to make you aware of a change in relation to veterinary and keeper requirements in order to allow the continued export of pig meat to the European Union (EU).

One of the requirements in the Export Health Certificate (EHC) is the confirmation that pigs have been kept separate from wild cloven hoofed animals. A calculator tool has been made available to vets undertaking a farm assurance audit which allows them to determine whether or not a holding meets the requirements of controlled housing conditions (CHC) and provide assurance in terms of future trichinella testing requirements. We have worked alongside QMS who have updated their own standards to meet these requirements.

From 29 March 2024, the current list of holdings which have provided self-declaration will cease. From this date, keepers will be required to be part of an assurance scheme such as QMS or Red Tractor, otherwise they will be subject to trichinella testing.

In order for the keeper to be able to comply, a scanned copy of the veterinary declaration needs to be sent to [help@scoteid.com](mailto:help@scoteid.com). A copy must also be sent to Wholesome Pigs Scotland Ltd. [wholesomepigs@scottishpigproducers.co.uk](mailto:wholesomepigs@scottishpigproducers.co.uk). It is intended that the veterinary declarations remain on the units and they themselves are not sent with the pigs or to the abattoir.

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