

EXPORT OF PIGS TO NORTHERN IRELAND FOR BREEDING OR PRODUCTION

CONSIGNMENTS FROM AUJESZKY'S CATEGORY 2 HOLDINGS

A number of enquiries have been received from herd keepers who are interested in exporting pigs to Northern Ireland for **breeding** and/or **production**.

You should be aware that a number of Aujeszky's disease conditions apply **if your holding is a category 2 holding for Aujeszky's disease**.

These conditions are:

Breeding pigs:

- There must have been no Aujeszky's disease on the holding of origin in the previous 12 months.
- Pigs must have lived on the holding of origin for at least 90 days and only in holdings of equivalent status since birth.
- Pigs must be isolated for at least 30 days prior to export in isolation units approved by DAFF.
- Pigs must undergo one serological test with negative results for Aujeszky's disease gE antibody, with sampling at 95/2 level. Test must be carried out in isolation within 15 days of export.

Production pigs:

- There must have been no Aujeszky's disease on the holding of origin in the previous 12 months.
- Pigs must have lived on the holding of origin for at least 30 days and only in holdings of equivalent status since birth.
- Pigs must have undergone a serological survey for Aujeszky's disease on the holding of origin between 45 and 170 days before shipment. (This condition is fulfilled if you have done/do your phase 3 National Aujeszky's Programme sampling, followed by 20 samples every 4 months).
- Any previous holdings must also have had a serological survey done.

Please note:

Exports to Northern Ireland from **category 1 holdings** for breeding/production – there are **no** additional export requirements

Exports to Northern Ireland from category 1 or category 2 holdings for **slaughter** – there are **no** additional export requirements.

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