



General Licence No: IMP/GEN/2012/06

DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Animal Health Act 1981

The Importation of Animals Order 1977

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, by this licence issued under Article 3 of the Importation of Animals Order 1977, hereby authorises the landing in England, in accordance with the conditions set out below, of

Pigs for breeding, production or slaughter

Product

Originating in

Northern Ireland

Country of Origin

At

Any port or airport in England

Port of Entry

Date: 15 November 2012

Signed: 
Authorised by the Secretary of State



Officer of the Department for Environment,
Food and Rural Affairs

This licence is valid until varied or revoked by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. General Import Licences No: IMP/GEN/2004/9 and IMP/GEN/2009/01 are hereby revoked.

Conditions

1. Each consignment of pigs must be accompanied by an official health certificate, signed by an authorised veterinary inspector of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland, which includes:
 - i) The name and addresses of the consignor and consignee;
 - ii) The name and address of the holding of origin (not applicable if animals are from several holdings) and destination;
 - iii) The address and approval number of the assembly centre in Northern Ireland;
 - iv) The breed, age, and official identification number of each pig;
 - v) The Authorisation number of transporter, a description of the means of transport, and registration number of the vehicle in which the animals were transported.
2. The health certificate referred to in paragraph 1 above, must confirm that:
 - i) The animals were inspected by the Official Veterinarian during the 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure of the animals from Northern Ireland and did not show clinical signs of infectious or contagious disease at that time;
 - ii) The pigs are not animals which are to be destroyed under a programme to eradicate contagious or infectious disease;
 - iii) The holding of origin and, where applicable, the approved collection centre and the area in which they are situated, are not subject to any prohibitions or restrictions connected with any animal disease affecting porcine animals, in conformity with Community or national legislation;
 - iv) The animals did not remain in the assembly centre for more than 6 days.
 - v) The animals are fit to be transported in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 (as amended).
3. The shipment of all animals must be direct from Northern Ireland to England. **In the case of animals for slaughter**, they must be shipped direct from Northern Ireland to the slaughterhouse of destination.
4. The pigs **for breeding and production** to be moved must have originated from a holding where:
 - The pigs have been continuously resident for at least the last 30 days prior to loading or since birth and;
 - No animal imported from a third country was introduced into the holding of origin during the 30 period, unless it was isolated from all other animals on the holding
5. After leaving the premises of origin, the pigs must be kept separate from animals of a lower/different health status and/or while in transit must not come into contact with animals which are not similarly certified.
6. A declaration must have been received from the exporter stating that the pigs:
 - i) Will be moved from the premises of origin/the assembly centre directly to the destination named in the accompanying health certificate;
 - ii) Will be transported in containers by road/rail/vehicles which had been thoroughly cleansed and disinfected beforehand with disinfectant approved for the purpose by DARD;
 - iii) Have not been vaccinated against Aujeszky's Disease.
7. The importer shall give the local Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA) office responsible for the area of destination advance notification of the expected time of arrival of each consignment in writing, and at least 24 hours advance notification of the expected time of arrival of each consignment.

8. In accordance with Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport¹, an Animal Transport Certificate (ATC) is required. This can be any documents which indicate prescribed information. The information required is:
 - i) Date and time of departure;
 - ii) Full address of place animals are loaded;
 - iii) Name and address of owner of animals;
 - iv) Name of transporter;
 - v) Expected duration of intended journey.
9. In the event of the consignment being delayed or postponed, the AHVLA must be advised immediately.
10. The health certification must accompany each consignment to its final destination and the original or a copy must be retained by the premises or establishment of destination for a minimum period of three years for presentation to an inspector on request.
11. Pigs from Northern Ireland that enter Great Britain via a port or airport in Scotland or Wales should be imported under the terms of a licence issued by the Scottish Government Rural Directorate or the Welsh Assembly Government Rural Affairs Department as appropriate.
12. Vehicles being used to transport the animals must be cleansed and disinfected with approved disinfectant both prior to loading and as soon as possible after unloading and before carriage of other animals (unless the same consignment is reloaded after a stop for welfare purposes).

Notes

1. All landings of pigs in England shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Importation of Animals Order 1977, the requirements of Council Regulation 1/2005 on the protection of animals during transport and the provisions of this licence.

2. Once the animals arrive in England, the movement from the port or airport must also meet the requirements of the Disease Control (England) Order 2003 as amended or any legislation superseding or amending the same. Further information on these requirements can be found at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/animals/movements/pigs/>

Caution

Any breach of any conditions attached to this licence will constitute an offence under the Animal Health Act 1981, Section 73. The penalty on conviction of an offence under this section is a maximum of six months imprisonment and/or a £5000 fine.

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¹ As implemented by the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006 and parallel legislation in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.