

Pigmeat Quality Assurance Scheme

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Producer Requirements - Additional

3.5.1 ANIMAL REMEDIES – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- a) A register must be maintained that identifies the cumulative quantities of all antibiotics used on a farm on a quarterly basis. The total antibiotic usage data for a 3 month period must be submitted quarterly in line with DAFM (or equivalent competent authority) database¹ requirements.
- b) At least one member of the pig husbandry team must have undertaken approved training² on the responsible use of antibiotics (when available) in the last 3 years and have documentation to show that the course was successfully completed.

3.8.1 ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE – TAIL BITING

- a) In order to address tail biting, the producer must complete a risk assessment using a suitably validated system³ in consultation with the Nominated Attending Veterinary Practitioner at least once annually with the process managed by the Nominated Attending Veterinary Practitioner through the Farm's Health & Welfare Plan (See Appendix 3.1).

3.9.1 BIOSECURITY ASSESSMENT

- a) The Producer must carry out a quantitative biosecurity assessment using a suitably validated system⁴ in conjunction with the Nominated Attending Veterinary Practitioner at least once annually.
- b) The recommendations for action resulting from the quantitative biosecurity assessment (See requirement 3.9.1.a) must be incorporated into the biosecurity systems and procedures (as per appendix 3.1) and implemented to continuously improve biosecurity on the farm.

¹ Irish Producers can access the Department of Agriculture, Food & Marine's National Antibiotic Database at www.agfood.ie.

² Approved training on the responsible use of antibiotics is available for free through the Bord Bia Farmer Portal at <https://pig.bordbia.ie/>. Bord Bia will determine the validity of other responsible use in antibiotics training courses.

³ In Ireland, a validated tail biting risk assessment service is available through Animal Health Ireland: <https://animalhealthireland.ie/training/tail-biting-risk-factor-assessment/>. Bord Bia will determine the validity of other tail biting risk assessment tools on request

⁴ In Ireland, a validated quantitative biosecurity assessment service is available through Animal Health Ireland: <https://animalhealthireland.ie/training/tasah-pigs-biosecurity-review/>. Bord Bia will determine the validity of other biosecurity assessment tools on request.

APPENDIX 3.1 HEALTH AND WELFARE PLANS – ADDITIONAL

1. TAIL DOCKING

Criteria 3.8.1 (a) requires that the producer completes a validated risk assessment on tail biting and that the recommendations are included, managed and tracked by the producer and Nominated Attending Veterinary Practitioner as part of the Farm's Health and Welfare Plan.

Note: In accordance with criterion 3.8.1 (a) and with EC 2008:120, neither tail-docking nor reduction of canine (corner) teeth may be carried out routinely except as recommended by the Nominated Attending Veterinary Practitioner where there is evidence that injuries to other pigs has occurred or may occur. Before carrying out these procedures, other measures must have been implemented to help prevent tail-biting and other vices identified in the Farm's health and welfare plan. A document provided by the EU (Cutting the Need for Tail Docking) is available to download here at https://ec.europa.eu/food/animals/welfare/practice/farm/pigs/tail-docking_en

2. BIOSECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT

Criteria 3.9.1 requires that the producer completes a quantitative biosecurity assessment and that the recommendations are incorporated into the farm's biosecurity systems, procedures and implemented to continuously improve biosecurity on the farm.

Audit Preparation - Additional Requirements

Ref	Requirement	How to Comply	What's needed for Audit?
3.5.1 ANIMAL REMEDIES – ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS			
(a)	A register must be maintained that identifies the cumulative quantities of all antibiotics used on a farm on a quarterly basis. The total antibiotic usage data for a 3 month period must be submitted quarterly in line with DAFM database requirements.	<p>All producers must keep record of the quantities of antibiotics used on farm and upload this information to the DAFM National Antimicrobial Usage Database on a quarterly basis. To upload this information you will need the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of each antibiotic product used on each of your pig units - including medicated feed, for each age category of pig during the current quarter. • The numbers of pigs present today on each of your units, and the numbers which have left your units during the time period for which you are entering data. <p>Once this information is uploaded, a submission report is generated.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The last 2 submission reports for your herd (screenshots or printouts)
(b)	At least one member of the pig husbandry team must have undertaken approved training on the responsible use of antibiotics (when available) in the last 3 years and have documentation to show that the course was successfully completed.	Producers must complete training in the <i>responsible use of antibiotics</i> . Bord Bia, in conjunction with DAFM and Teagasc have developed a free online training module on the <i>Responsible Use of Antibiotics</i> , which is available on https://pig.bordbia.ie/ . Completion of this training module ensures compliance with this requirement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate of completion of training module.
3.8.1 ANIMAL HEALTH & WELFARE – TAIL BITING			
(a)	In order to address tail biting, the producer must complete a risk assessment using a suitably validated system in consultation with the Nominated Attending Veterinary Practitioner at least once annually with the process managed by the Nominated Attending Veterinary Practitioner through the Farm's Health & Welfare Plan.	All pig herds must complete an annual tail biting risk assessment in consultation with a trained veterinary practitioner. A fully funded assessment service is available through Animal Health Ireland. Any actions or recommendations arising from this assessment must be recorded in the farm's Health and Welfare Plan and signed off by the Nominated Attending Veterinary Practitioner. To book your tail biting assessment visit www.animalhealthireland.ie/training/tail-biting-risk-factor-assessment/ .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tail Biting Assessment report. • Actions/Recommendations recorded in the Health and Welfare plan. • Health and Welfare Plan signed off by vet.
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(b)	The recommendations for action resulting from the quantitative biosecurity assessment (See requirement 3.9.1.a) must be incorporated into the biosecurity systems and procedures (as per appendix 3.1) and implemented to continuously improve biosecurity on the farm.	All recommendations from the biosecurity assessment must be recorded in the Farm's Biosecurity Systems & Procedures and they must be implemented on farm.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions/Recommendations Recorded in the Biosecurity Systems & Procedure • Evidence that these actions/recommendations are being implemented on farm