



Red Tractor version 4.0 standard changes document

PIGS

The following document outlines all interim changes which have been made to the version 4 Pigs Standards since October 2017. Further guidance and document templates can be found on the Red Tractor website.

July 2018

FW.c

All wet and dry feeders are required to have 1 drinker per 15 pigs in the pen as a whole AND of these, at least one drinker per 30 pigs must be provided as a separate water source outside of the wet and dry feeder(s). For example, in a pen of 60 pigs with three wet and dry feeders each incorporating a drinker and two drinkers outside of the feeders, so five drinkers in total, the provision of drinkers as a whole is 1 per 12 pigs, thus meeting the overall 1 per 15 pigs requirement.

LT.i

Where pigs are delivered to an assured market, collection centre or abattoir, the vehicle must be cleansed and disinfected on-site, after each delivery and before leaving the site. This standard applies to farmers transporting their own pigs.

October 2018

DP.b

All disaster recovery plans (emergency plans) must include measures on how pig producers would manage pigs and avoid overstocking if there was to be an interruption to pig movements off farm e.g) a suspension from the RT Scheme or movement restrictions imposed due to a disease outbreak. Guidance is provided in a new Appendix.

HF.k

For pig producers considering installing a balcony system, a new standard has been introduced which requires producers to comply to the Red Tractor balcony specification (provided in a new Appendix). The new standard also includes the following:

- a signed statement must be obtained from a ventilation specialist/ specialist supplier statement confirming the balcony system is compatible with the ventilation design and pig welfare will not be compromised
- a signed declaration must be obtained from a building manufacturer confirming that the balcony system meets the structural integrity set out in the Red Tractor balcony specification.

April 2019

AM.b

It is a requirement to have a downloadable copy of the *Practical Guide to Responsible Use of Antibiotics on Pig Farms*; a publication produced by the Pig Health and Welfare Council Antimicrobial Usage sub-group. Staff deemed competent by the vet to administer medicines and veterinary treatments must have read the Guide. Pig producers must demonstrate they have a copy downloaded by either saving it on their computer or having a printed copy available.

October 2019

FW.d.3

The maximum permitted levels of copper in pig feed have been amended in line with changes to EU legislation which came into effect in August 2019. Diets must now not exceed a maximum of 150 mg total copper/kg feed for piglets up to 4 weeks post weaning, a maximum of 100 mg total copper/kg for pigs between 5 to 8 weeks post weaning and a maximum of 25 mg total copper/kg feed for pigs over 8 weeks post weaning.

BI.a.2

This standard has been amended so that it is now a requirement that visitors are provided with farm-dedicated clothing/overalls/new disposable overalls and footwear or new robust overshoes, when entering biosecure areas.

Robust overshoes are made of a material that does not tear easily when walking on solid floor and should cover the whole of the shoe and ideally extend over the ankle.

BI.a.3

This standard has been removed, meaning farms are no longer required to provide foot dips at visitor entry points.