



Red Tractor Assurance

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RED TRACTOR SUPPORTS #MUCKFREETRUCK CAMPAIGN

You may have heard about the unwelcome flurry in swine dysentery cases appearing over the last couple of months – if you were able to escape the Brexit headlines.

Cases have been reported in several UK regions and, with the industry already on high alert for African swine fever (ASF), this highlights the fact that biosecurity may not as good as it should be.

Red Tractor is supporting its allied industries newly launched lorry-washing campaign, #MuckFreeTruck, led by AHDB, NPA and the British Meat Processors Association.

Our Livestock Transport Standards and sector standards insist that vehicles must be effectively cleaned to reduce the risk of disease transmission within and between farms. Where pigs are delivered to a market, collection centre or abattoir, the vehicle must be cleansed and disinfected before leaving the site. This includes movement between sites, the vehicle must be cleaned unless making multiple loads between the same sites in the same day. Where cattle and sheep are delivered to any site, including markets, collection centres, abattoirs, farms or shows, they are to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected after every load and within 24 hours of use.

The Red Tractor supply chain standards can be viewed [here](#).

While being particularly relevant to pig handlers at the moment, the importance of good biosecurity extends to everyone involved in the livestock supply chain. Preventing the spread of disease and protecting food safety and animal health is a top priority for everyone.