

Guidance Notes

The import of Pigs from Jersey into Guernsey, Herm & Jethou.

An **import licence** is required for the importation of pigs from Jersey into Guernsey, Herm & Jethou. An **import licence application** form must be completed and submitted to Commerce & Employment Department. Import licence application forms are available from the Commerce & Employment Department or are downloadable. One of the conditions of the import licence is an **export health certificate** that is completed in Jersey.

The animal health requirements for import are imposed by the States Veterinary Officer of Guernsey in order to protect livestock on Guernsey, Herm & Jethou. The requirements have been issued to the States Veterinary Officer of Jersey for them to administer on our behalf. In Jersey these requirements have been incorporated into a Jersey export health certificate which must be completed by a Jersey Official Veterinarian. The following information must be provided to the States Veterinary Officer in Jersey and the following criteria must be met for the Jersey export health certificate.

I. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANIMALS

Pigs must be identified with an ear tag according to the regulations in force in Jersey and identification must be confirmed on a schedule for those pigs intended for import into Guernsey, Herm & Jethou.

II. ORIGIN OF THE ANIMALS

Name and address of exporter in Jersey, the address of isolation premises where the animals were examined by the Jersey Official Veterinarian and the address of the premises of origin in Jersey must be provided.

III. DESTINATION OF THE ANIMALS

Name and address of consignee in Guernsey the address of premises of destination in Guernsey and the means of transportation (registration number of vehicle/name of ship) must all be provided

IV. HEALTH INFORMATION

Part I - Premises of origin

The examining Jersey Official Veterinarian must be satisfied that the animals meet the following requirements:

- (a) in so far as can be determined there has been no clinical or other evidence within the past 3 years in the herd of origin or in any herd in which the said pigs have been kept during the past 12 months of transmissible gastro-enteritis; porcine respiratory corona virus infection or porcine epidemic diarrhoea infection;
- (b) the herd of origin is not subject to any official restriction for disease control purposes;

- (c) in so far as can be determined and after an examination of the breeding records there is no clinical, pathological or serological evidence that an outbreak of blue-eared pig disease (porcine reproductive respiratory syndrome), transmissible gastroenteritis or porcine respiratory coronavirus infections have occurred on the premises of origin or on any other premises where the pigs have resided, during the 3 years prior to export.
- (d) in so far as can be determined there has been no clinical or other evidence of Aujeszky's disease or swine influenza in the herd of origin during the 12 months period immediately preceding the date of export;
- (e) a written declaration has been received from the owner/exporter stating that during the 3 months period immediately preceding the date of export, no waste food was fed to the pigs to be exported, nor during that same period has any waste food¹ been brought onto or stored at the premises of origin or isolation where the pigs to be exported have been kept;
- (f) based on a written declaration received from the owner/exporter and after an examination of the movement records, no pigs have been moved onto the holding where the isolation premises is situated and during the 3 weeks period immediately preceding the date of export;
- (g) based on a written declaration received from the owner/exporter, the pigs to be exported to Jersey were born in or have resided in Jersey for at least 6 months immediately preceding the date of export.

¹ "waste foods" means –

- (a) any meat, bones, offal or other part of the carcass of any animal or of any poultry;
- (b) any broken or waste foodstuffs (including table or kitchen refuse, scraps or waste) which contains or have been in contact with any meat, bones or offal or with any other part of the carcass of any animal or poultry.

Part II - Isolation Premises

The Jersey Official Veterinarian who examines the pigs must certify that they meet the following requirements:

- (h) within 24 hours of the date of export, the animals must be examined and found to be free from clinical evidence of infectious or contagious disease including ectoparasites and are in the opinion of the Jersey Official Veterinarian fit to travel;
- (j) all identification marks of the pigs to be exported are clear and as stated on the schedule;
- (k) a written declaration has been received from the owner/exporter stating that the animals from which those to be exported will be selected have been kept in isolation as remote as is practicable and in every case in a building with airspace separate from all other livestock, for a period of not less than 20 days immediately preceding export;

- (l) a written declaration has been received from the owner/exporter stating that the said animals will be transported direct from the isolation premises to their final destination in containers/vehicles cleansed and disinfected with a DEFRA approved disinfectant and without coming into contact with animals not similarly certified.

V. The certificate is valid for 10 days.