


## Section 3.4

# Incoming Bedding and Bedding Storage

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### REFERENCED IN THIS SECTION:

Number/ Identifier	Name	Importance
 <b>RECORD</b>		
R-H	Letter of Guarantee – Bedding	Highly recommended

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### INCOMING BEDDING AND BEDDING STORAGE

#### REQUIREMENTS

1. A written assurance must be provided by suppliers of wood-based bedding confirming that any wood-based bedding being sold for use as housing for pigs is free of pentachlorophenols (PCPs), chromated copper arsenate and other wood-preserving agents.

#### RATIONALE

- a. Wood-based bedding containing PCPs, chromated copper arsenate or other wood-preserving agents can result in residue in the meat, making it unsafe for human consumption.
- b. If wood shavings that are contaminated with PCP, chromated copper arsenate or other wood preservatives and consumed by pigs, it can accumulate in tissue and be passed along to people.
- c. Bedding made from straw, sawdust, and wood chips can pose biological and chemical hazards when not adequately handled and stored.

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#### GUIDANCE

- a. It is highly recommended that producers ask bedding suppliers to complete the Letter of Guarantee – Bedding (Record R-H) to confirm the bedding is free from pentachlorophenols (PCPs), chromated copper arsenate and other wood-preserving agents.
- b. It is recommended that producers have measures in place to prevent the bedding from being contaminated with feces from birds, rodents, or wild or domestic animals (e.g., by knowing the origin of the bedding, having adequate handling practices in place, and having protected storage).
- c. Consult straw bedding suppliers to ensure the materials were produced and stored in an acceptable manner in order to minimize the risk of contamination by animal feces, molds, fungi and other pathogenic organisms.
- d. All personnel should be made aware of potential hazards posed by foreign objects in bedding materials.

## AUDIT QUESTIONS

Q#	Audit Questions and Interpretations	Verification			
		Compliant	NC-Minor	NC-Major	N/A
Q3.4.1	Verify that the supplier has provided written assurance that the wood-based bedding being used is free from pentachlorophenol (PCPs), chromated copper arsenate and other wood-preserving agents. An email is acceptable as written assurance, as is a label or tag on the bagged bedding.	<b>Full and Partial Validation:</b> ➤ Written assurance or Letter of Guarantee – Bedding (R-H)			
	If wood-based bedding (e.g., wood chips, sawdust) is used, has the site manager received written assurance that the bedding is free of PCPs, chromated copper arsenate and other wood-preserving agents?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

N/A = not applicable



### LEVELS OF COMPLIANCE – EXAMPLES

#### COMPLIANT

- The site manager has received written assurance that the bedding used on-farm and during transport is free from PCPs, chromated copper arsenate and other wood-preserving agents.

#### MINOR NON-COMPLIANCE – Not applicable

#### MAJOR NON-COMPLIANCE **Timeline: 60 days**

- The site manager has not received a written assurance that the bedding used on-farm and during transport is free from PCPs, chromated copper arsenate and other wood-preserving agents.