


Section 3.4

Incoming Bedding and Bedding Storage

REFERENCED IN THIS SECTION:

Number/ Identifier	Name	Importance
 RECORDS		
R-2	Incident Report	Mandatory
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.

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 or a Letter of Guarantee - Bedding (R-H) that the wood-based bedding being used is free from 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.	Full and Partial Validation: > R-H: Letter of Guarantee - Bedding (highly recommended)			
	If wood-based bedding (e.g., wood chips, sawdust) is used for pig housing, has the Site Manager received written assurance or a Letter of Guarantee - Bedding (R-H) that the bedding is free of pentachlorophenol (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 or a Letter of Guarantee - Bedding (R-H) that the bedding used on-farm 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 or a Letter of Guarantee - Bedding (R-H) that the bedding used on-farm is free from PCPs, chromated copper arsenate and other wood-preserving agents.



DEVIATION MEASURES

- > If a written assurance or a Letter of Guarantee - Bedding (R-H) is not provided for the wood based bedding, the designated personnel must obtain it from the supplier, and it must include all required elements and be kept on file.

Complete record R-2 Incident Report

