# Section 3.1 Incoming Pigs

## **REFERENCED IN THIS SECTION:**



## SECTION 3.1 INCOMING PIGS

## REQUIREMENTS

- 1. The Swine Movement Document (R-G) must be received for all shipments of incoming pigs.
  - a. This document must include the following elements:
    - i. Premise Identification (PID) Number
    - ii. herd mark(s), (except for farm movements of weaned piglets, nursery and grow/finish pigs)
    - iii. number of pigs
    - iv. identification of any pigs with a broken needle fragment
    - v. a declaration that the pigs were produced in accordance with PigSAFE | PigCARE programs standards (applies to pigs being moved from farm to assembly yard, from farm to slaughterhouse or from farm to farm)
    - vi. a declaration that all drugs withdrawal periods have been respected or indicating the date when the longest outstanding drug withdrawal period ends (applies to pigs being moved from farm to farm)
    - vii. the signatures of the producer or site manager shipping the pigs, the transporter and the person receiving the pigs.
  - b. Each Swine Movement Document received with incoming pigs must be kept at the PID site until the next validation (minimum of 12 months; paper and electronic copies are acceptable).
- 2. All incoming Canadian pigs are to be sourced from farms registered under PigSAFE | PigCARE programs. All pigs that are moved from another country to a PigSAFE | PigCARE registered farm must be sourced from a farm that is registered with a recognized on-farm food safety program.

For your convenience, a template for the Swine Movement Document (R-G) has been developed for you to use. An electronic version is available on the PigTRACE website.

## RATIONALE

a. The Swine Movement Document includes a declaration from the producer stating that these pigs were produced in accordance with the standards of the PigSAFE | PigCARE programs regarding the use of veterinary drugs. This ensure the pigs have met all withdrawal periods as recommended by the manufacturer or ordered by a veterinarian so that pigs with potential drug residue are not marketed. It also ensures that pigs which (may) have needle fragments are identified and tracked through to processing.

## **GUIDANCE**

- a. Incoming pigs include replacement gilts, sows, boars, weaned piglets, nursery pigs, pre-growers, growers, and finisher pigs.
- b. From a food-safety perspective, the risk of introducing *Salmonella* or other microbial agents into the barn(s) increases as the number of sourced herds increases.
- c. It is recommended that the health status of the incoming pigs' herd be determined prior to delivery.
- d. Pigs that have a broken needle fragment are generally not accepted by processing plants. Contact your plant for more information.

# ? AUDIT QUESTIONS

Q#	Audit Questions and Interpretations	Verification			
		Compliant	NC-Minor	NC-Major	N/A
Q3.1.1	Verify that the Swine Movement Document (R-G) for each load of incoming pigs was received, is kept on file and includes all required elements. Verify whether the record R-G for the last 12 months (or since the last validation) are available. Alternative records may be used if all required elements are included.	Full and Partial Validation:			
	Have the Swine Movement Documents (R-G) from all incoming pigs been kept on file, and do they include all required elements?				
Q3.1.2	Verify that incoming animals come from a farm with a PID number registered under the PigSAFE   PigCARE programs or, if sourced from outside Canada, from a farm registered with a recognized on-farm food safety program.	Full and Partial Validation:			
	Verify the PigSAFE   PigCARE registration certificates of the sourced farms, or write down the premises identification (PID) numbers for all PID-registered sites where the pigs were purchased to ensure the sourced farms are registered with the PigSAFE   PigCARE programs.				
	If the pigs are being moved from the US to a Canadian farm to be further raised or bred (i.e., not destined for immediate slaughter), the sourced farm must be registered with the Pork Quality Assurance Plus (PQA+) program. Pigs coming from any other country must be recognized on an equivalent on-farm food safety program.				
	Are all incoming pigs sourced from PigSAFE   PigCARE registered farms or from a farm registered with a recognized on-farm food safety program?				

N/A = not applicable

## /! LEVELS OF COMPLIANCE – EXAMPLES

### COMPLIANT

> All required Swine Movement Documents are available and complete.

## MINOR NON-COMPLIANCE Timeline: 12 months

> Not all Swine Movement Documents are available or some elements are missing.

### MAJOR NON-COMPLIANCE Timeline: 60 days

- > No Swine Movement Documents are available.
- Incoming pigs are not from a CPE-registered farm or, if the incoming pigs are from another country, they are not registered on a recognized on-farm food safety program.