

Notes for guidance:

Importation of Breeding Pigs into the Isle of Man from United Kingdom (Great Britain)

1. UK Isolation

All pigs must be resident on the holding of origin in the United Kingdom for a minimum of **30 days** prior to exportation (or since birth).

2. UK Health Certification

The animals must be accompanied by a Health Certificate **6964EHC** signed by a Local Veterinary Inspector (LVI) of DEFRA. No consignment of animals under one licence shall be transported with another under a further licence unless sourced from the same point in the UK or consigned to the same destination in the Isle of Man.

All pigs must be officially and permanently identified by means of an ear tag or tattoo. **Failure to do so will result either in the animals being returned to their original address or destroyed.** Temporary marks or descriptions alone are not acceptable.

3. Disinfection

Arrangements must have been made before the time of Health Certification for the cleansing and disinfection of vehicles for the transport of the animals. Detailed advice on the current requirements should be sought from the local Animal Health Office of DEFRA.

4. Pre-Export Veterinary Inspection

The animals must be inspected by an LVI of DEFRA not more than **24 hours** prior to shipment to the Isle of Man and comply with European Union type standards including compliance with Directive 64/432/EEC.

Pigs are to be certified for breeding; neutered or castrated animals are not eligible for import.

The pigs must come from a holding of origin and an area which, in conformity with Community or National legislation, is not subject to any prohibition or restriction for reasons of animal diseases affecting porcine animals. Great Britain is free of Aujeszky's Disease in accordance with Commission Decision 2001/618/EC.

5. Pre & Post Import Testing

They may be subjected to further detention, examination, test or medication laid down by a Government Veterinary Officer in order to prevent the introduction and possible spread of animal disease.

6. Transport

Pick-ups: Multiple pick-ups (more than one origin in the UK) are possible BUT all animals making up such load must stay at a single destination on the Isle of Man until all isolation requirements have been fulfilled.

Single origin loads may be dropped at more than one destination. N.B. separate import licences are required for each destination.

All animals must be transported, without coming into contact with animals not similarly certified, by the specified route. On arrival, they must be taken directly to the premises specified, and there, shall be isolated from all other animals for the prescribed period.

Any person transporting animals over 65km (approx. 40 miles) as part of an economic activity must have a specific authorisation under 'The Welfare of Animals (Transport) (Isle of Man Order) 2007'. If you require such authorisation please contact DEFRA Agriculture at

7. IOM Import Licence

No such animal shall be landed in the Isle of Man without a licence issued by DEFA and such licence shall expire after **21 days**.

PLEASE NOTE: You must inform the Department of your intention to import, with the date/time of shipment at least **72 hours** in advance. Failure to notify the Department could result in the importer being prosecuted for not meeting the conditions of the Import Licence. Contact number for notification is (01624) **687595** (answer-phone) or agriculture@gov.im

8. IOM Isolation, Post-Import Inspection & Movement Restriction

The period of isolation is a minimum of **10 days**, during this time the pigs will be inspected by a Field Officer.

On arrival of the consignment on a Manx farm the whole farm will come under a **21 day** movement restriction for all livestock. This will not apply to animals moved direct to slaughterhouse or Knacker's yard for immediate slaughter.

A post-import visit will be carried out by a DEFA officer.

The Department does not permit or licence, walking or exercise routes, outside of the holding or premises of residence. Pigs are restricted to the specific holding and may not be moved without a licence from DEFA.

Failure to produce the required valid documentation will result in the return of the consignment to the point of origin at the importers expense.

For European Union imports – please contact the Department on 685844 or agriculture@gov.im

Transporting and landing animals without the required documentation is an offence.