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# Import of Porcine Animals

## Import Information Note (IIN) PGTC/2

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## 1. General Information

**This Import Information Note (IIN) must be read in conjunction with the IIN for general information for imports of live animals and germplasm, which provides information on pre-notifications, veterinary checks, risk categories etc.**

**[General information for imports of live animals and germplasm \(defra.gov.uk\)](https://www.defra.gov.uk)**

References to European Union (EU) legislation within this document are references to direct EU Legislation which has been assimilated in Great Britain (assimilated direct legislation), as defined in the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 and can be viewed on the UK legislation website ([legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)).

## 2. Scope

Import conditions for domestic pigs (*Sus scrofa*).

Import conditions for porcine species other than domestic pigs (*Sus scrofa*) are provided for under Other Live animals (Balai) – see [IIN BLLV3](#).

### 3. Country of origin

Imports are permitted from trading partners listed in a document published by the Secretary of State, with the consent of the Scottish and Welsh Ministers. See the documents for live ungulates at the links below.

- [Non-EU countries](#)
- [EU and EFTA countries](#)

Trading partners must have POR-X or POR-Y listed in column 4 of the above documents in order to be able to export pigs to Great Britain, where:

- ‘POR-X’: is for domestic porcine animals (*Sus scrofa*) intended for breeding and/or production after importation or intended for transit through Great Britain from one third country to another third country.
- ‘POR-Y’: is for domestic porcine animals (*Sus scrofa*) intended for immediate slaughter after importation.

Certain countries may be required to provide supplementary guarantees, depending on the animal health situation in the territories of origin. Please also check the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> columns of the above documents, where these supplementary guarantees are listed.

### 4. Health certification/documentation

Imports to Great Britain must be accompanied by the appropriate health certificate, which can be found on GOV.UK.

[Porcine \(live\): model health certificates - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### 5. Animals for Breeding or Production

Unless they are being taken to slaughter, animals moving directly into Great Britain should upon arrival at the place of destination satisfy the required residency requirements of 30 days before any further movement of the imported animals can take place.

Live animals imported from a third country will not trigger a standstill at the first premises in England and Wales that they are kept at (after the port or airport of entry itself, to which no standstill will apply either). Live animals imported into Scotland must follow the standstill rules as published on [here](#).

Imported animals should not be brought onto the herd until the veterinarian responsible for the holding has ensured that the animals in question are not likely to jeopardise the health status of the holding and good practice would recommend that no animals from the holding are traded for 30 days following introduction of the imported animals unless the imported animals have been physically separated from other animals within the holding.

Animals imported for breeding or production from a country transiting an EU Member State should be transported as quickly as possible and be accompanied by the relevant transit and health certification.

## 6. Contact for further information

For further information regarding import requirements, contact the APHA Imports team:

Centre for International Trade - Carlisle  
Eden Bridge House  
Lowther Street  
Carlisle  
CA3 8DX

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