

Information Note for Applicants for a herd number for Pigs

Please Note:-

- A Pig herdnumber is an administrative device, issued by the District Veterinary Office (DVO) to a distinct herd/flock, solely for the purposes of disease control.
- A Pig herdnumber issued by the Department to any particular individual acting as the keeper, does not infer ownership of lands or animals under that herdnumber.
- For the various eradication schemes, animal identification regulations and record keeping purposes a “keeper” is a natural person responsible for the care and maintenance of animals.

The conditions:-

Listed below 1-7 are the principle conditions that are assessed by the DVO before a pig herdnumber may issue. In seeking to prevent disease transmission, the individual pig herd must fulfil the following criteria:

- 1) That the pig herd occupies a defined holding (*see “holding” definition below*).
- 2) That there are separate entrances to the holding.
- 3) That entry points onto other adjoining holdings/lands, not part of the application, are permanently blocked.
- 4) That perimeter fencing should be stock-proof at a minimum and also prevent direct contact between stock on contiguous or adjoining holdings.
- 5) That there are independent and separate facilities such as
 - a. Separate handling facilities,
 - b. Separate feeding and watering facilities.
 - c. Separate farm machinery
- 6) That there are adequate facilities for the purpose of inspection, isolation, loading, unloading, marshalling, watering, feeding, treatment of sick/injured animals and housing as appropriate.
- 7) That there are adequate facilities for animal bedding and the collection of manure and wastewater.

To summarise, the conditions are that the pig herd must be maintained separately without intermixing of stock from other pig herds and that the herd is managed as an independent unit.

“The Herdowner” means the nominated company or entity or person(s) associated with a specific herdnumber to whom any payments are made. The "keeper" role is classified as a non-financial role and therefore it is not possible to make payments to “keepers”. It is only possible to make payments to ‘Herdowners’. For example (i) John and Mary Smith jointly own a farm. In this case John and Mary can be recorded jointly as the ‘Herdowner’ and receive payments but they must agree which of them will be the keeper as only a single name can appear in the keeper role. Example (ii) Acme Farms Ltd. owns a farm and Chris Tree is the manager responsible for the day-to-day running of the farm. Acme Farms Ltd is recorded in the ‘Herdowner’ role and Chris Tree is recorded in the ‘keeper’ role

Legal Definitions: -

For your information, the following extracts from the legislation: - defines

"holding", means establishment, construction or, in the case of an open-air farm, any place in which animals are held, kept or handled.

“keeper” means any natural or legal person responsible, even on a temporary basis, for animals.

Application No. _____
Date Received _____
Pig Herd Number _____

Application form for Registration as a Pig Keeper and Owner

1. Pig Keeper's details

In all cases one individual only must be nominated in the role of the "keeper" of the animals and be responsible for the herd. A "Keeper" is the individual responsible, even on a temporary basis, for animals

(Please Tick ✓ or print clearly using block capitals as appropriate)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Keeper's First Name(s):		Name Known by (if different):	
Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Keeper's Surname:			
Address to which <u>all</u> correspondence, legal or otherwise, is to be sent:-				
Date of Birth	DD MM YY			
PPS No				
Home Tel. No.		Fax Number		
Mobile Tel. No.		E-Mail Address		
Other contact point/persons				

2. Owner's details (if different from above keeper)

(Please Tick ✓ or print clearly using block capitals as appropriate)

Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Owner's First Name(s)		Name Known by (if different):	
Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Owner's Surname:			
Address:				
Date of Birth	DD MM YY			
PPS No				

If Owner is a Company

Company name:-		Trading name :-	
Company Registration Number		Postal Address of owner:-	
VAT Number			
Home Tel. No.		Fax No.	
Mobile Tel. No		E-Mail Address	

3. Type of Application: Please Tick relevant box

(a) Application for new pig herd number:

(b) Reactivation of existing dormant pig herd number

(c) Change of keeper/owner on existing pig herd number

Quote Pig Herd No.

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Complete this section only if you are applying for a change of keeper/owner of an existing pig herd number not in your name.

Name and address of keeper/owner* to whom this pig herd number was previously assigned/ registered:-

Name

Address

PPS No.

*Delete as appropriate

The previous registered person must sign below

Signature of Previous

Registered Person:- _____

Date: ____/____/20____

Signature of Witness: _____

(other than Applicant)

Date: ____/____/20____

4. Is there a separate farm manager in charge of the day-to-day running of the enterprise?

Yes No (Please Tick)

If Yes, please state name address and telephone number of that person

First Name		Postal Address	
Surname			
Home Tel. No.		Mobile Tel. No.	

5. Does your manager have association with any other registered herd number, pigs or other species?

Yes No (Please Tick)

If Yes, please give details : _____

6. Are you a "dealer"? Yes No

A "Dealer" is a person who buys and resells pigs within 30 days, and who has a turnover of more than 100 pigs in any 12 month period.

7. Do you currently have a pig herd number(s) registered in your name? Yes No

If Yes, give Herd No(s). and the full address(es) of holding(s), including County

8. Are there currently any other herd number(s) registered in your name (cattle, sheep goats)?

Yes

If Yes, give Herd No(s). and the full address(es) of holding(s), including County

9. Does any person residing at home-farm or out-farm(s) have a herd number(s) registered in their name?

Yes No

If Yes, give Herd No(s). and the full address(es) of holding(s), including County

10. Do you own or lease holding?

Own	Lease	Other
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If leased, state expiry date of the lease _____

11. Will farm machinery from another holding be used on this farm or will machinery from this holding be used on another farm?

Yes	No
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12. Site Details

Site Address	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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13. Total capacity at site _____ (Total number of pigs site that can be accommodated at site)

14. Number of Houses _____

15. Type of Farming Enterprise proposed: Please Tick ✓

- (i) Elite Breeding (AI Stud, Elite sow breeding unit)
- (ii) Commercial Breeding (breeding sows no fatteners on site)
- (iii) Fattening (fatteners only on site)
- (iv) Integrated (breeding and fattening pigs on site)
- (v) Hobby/ Back yard (total herd size of 5 pigs or under)

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X/Y Co-ordinates:
X _____
Y _____
DED _____

Please note that if a Herd Number is granted you are obliged by law to maintain a Herd Register.

16. Consultant Veterinary Practitioner(s)

Name
Practice Name
Address

Phone No.

17. Emergency Veterinary Practitioner(s)

Name
Practice Name
Address

Phone No.

18. Delegation of authority. (Print clearly using block capitals)

Should I, at any time be unable to personally conduct business with the Department, I hereby nominate and authorise:-

Name:	
Address:	
Phone no.:	

whose signature appears below, to act as my agent or representative to sign and/or accept official documents on my behalf.

Signature of Agent (or representative):- _____

19. Declaration/Agreement.

I, the undersigned, hereby apply for a Herd number under the Diseases of Animals Act 1966, and make the following declaration under the Act:-

- (a) I undertake to comply with all of the regulatory requirements for: -
 - (i) tagging and identification of all pigs in/under my possession or control,
 - (ii) notifying all movements of such animals and
 - (iii) keeping of a herd register;
- (b) I will fulfil the provisions of the Animal Remedies Act and Regulations and, in particular, keep an animal remedies record as provided for in the regulations;
- (c) I will comply with the regulatory requirements relating to animal welfare and animal feeding stuffs and, in particular, exclude meat and bone meal from the diet of all animals in/under my possession or control;
- (d) I will present animals for sale and slaughter in clean condition;
- (e) I will dispose of fallen animals in compliance with the regulatory requirements;
- (f) I will inform the person carrying out disease testing of any diseases or abnormal conditions in the herd and I will make available all records relating thereto;
- (g) I have not withheld any information relevant to approval under the scheme;
- (h) I undertake to comply with all these requirements and conditions and I will notify the District Veterinary Office of any material changes in regard to the herd or holding which may affect approval for any herd number granted;
- (i) I hereby agree to facilitate the carrying out of any official tests or inspections required on my herd / animal(s) from time to time in connection with animal identification or Disease Eradication Schemes of the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food;

It is also expressly agreed and understood that the carrying out of any tests or inspections under any official Department Schemes is **WITHOUT LIABILITY OF ANY KIND ON THE PART OF THE VETERINARY SURGEON OR THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FOOD OR HIS/HER EMPLOYEES.**

I declare that all the information provided by me in connection with this application is accurate, complete and true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief and that I am at least 18 years of age.

Signature of Herd keeper:- _____ Date: ____/____/20____.

All applicants and witnesses must at least 18 years of age