

Commercial Pig Keepers



Have you registered?

- When you start keeping one or more pigs, you must register their location with the relevant Rural Payments body:
 - **Rural Payments Agency (RPA)** – England
 - **Rural Payments & Inspections Division (RPID)** – Scotland
 - **Rural Payments Wales (RPW)** – Wales.
- You must also tell the **Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)** when your circumstances change. This includes if you:
 - Stop keeping pigs or start/stop keeping other livestock at the same location as your pigs
 - Stop being a keeper
 - Add new land to your farm holding with a different CPH number
 - Change the registered keeper at your holding



Twenty day standstill

If pigs arrive on your holding from another holding, you cannot move any pigs off your holding for 20 days. This is to increase the chance of detecting incubating diseases and limit their potential spread.

Exemptions to standstill restrictions, including in connection with approved pig pyramids, are described at **Pigs movement general licence**, including annex A (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pig-movement-general-licence-for-the-movement-of-pigs>)

What is a pig pyramid?

A large portion of the pig industry is vertically integrated. This isn't always compatible with standstill requirements, so approvals for exemption may be granted by APHA.

- These holdings must be **APHA** approved and are subject to an annual inspection by **APHA**.
- They are subject to strict biosecurity conditions to prevent the introduction and spread of disease.
- These conditions specify the movements allowed. These are unidirectional down the chain with other movements subject to standstill or via approved isolation.

Why is this messaging important?

Accurate keeper information enables **APHA** to take effective actions to prevent the spread of diseases such as **African Swine Fever (ASF)**.

Good biosecurity is crucial in preventing the introduction and spread of disease. For more advice on good biosecurity practices, visit: **Biosecurity on pig farms** (<https://ahdb.org.uk/knowledge-library/biosecurity-on-pig-farms>)

Remember, before they move, you must identify your pigs and, **report** and **record** their moves via your relevant movement recording system!