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Scottish Livestock Industry Stakeholders
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Dear Stakeholder and Veterinary Practices

THE EXPORT OF PIG MEAT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION (EU), SEPARATION FROM WILD CLOVEN HOOFED ANIMALS DECLARATION FROM THE 1 JANUARY 2021

We are writing to make you aware of new veterinary and keeper requirements to allow the continued export of pig meat to the European Union (EU).

These declarations are going to be required from keepers to allow export health certificates (EHC) to be signed to export pig meat to the EU. This will be required from the 1 January 2021 regardless of a deal.

One of the requirements in the EHC is the confirmation that pigs have been kept separate from wild cloven hoofed animals. A key point to make here is that the reasoning behind the veterinary declaration is not to prove that there has been absolutely no contact but that the pigs are farmed in controlled conditions and are not roaming free in the woods. The wording of the declaration has been carefully planned so that, hopefully, people feel comfortable to sign the document even for units.

It is required for vets to issue the attached document for premises under their supervision if they feel it is appropriate. When a premises has this veterinary declaration, they can then tick a new box on the ScotEID movement document to state their premises is compliant. This then passes up to the food chain to the final producer who then declares on the Food Chain Information (FCI) that there is evidence since birth.

However, in order for the keeper to be able to comply and access the new separation declaration box on ScotEID a scanned copy of the veterinary declaration needs to be sent to help@scoteid.com. A copy must also be sent to Wholesome Pigs Scotland Ltd. wholesomepigs@scottishpigproducers.co.uk. It is intended that the veterinary declarations remain on the units and they themselves are not sent with the pigs or to the abattoir.

We have attached a copy of the veterinary declaration as well as the keeper declaration. There is no intention for a separate paper keeper declaration to accompany movements of pigs, this will be part of the ScotEID movement document.

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