



THE CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE LABELLING OF PORK AND PORK PRODUCTS

A PIG
TASK FORCE
INITIATIVE

FREE RANGE

Production Stage	FREE RANGE			
	Breeding	Plus	Rearing	and Finishing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sows kept throughout their productive lives outside in a field on soil with huts / tents/ other accommodation available for protection from weather. Pigs born and reared to weaning outside in a field on soil with huts / tents /other accommodation available for protection from weather. <p><u>Criteria:</u> Minimum space allowances for sows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lying area (within huts/tents)of at least 1.5m²/adult sow, 1m²/gilt Total area (i.e. paddock space) a maximum of 30 adult animals per hectare 	<p>Pigs reared and finished outside in a field on soil with huts / tents/ other accommodation available for protection from weather.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> Minimum space allowances for pigs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lying Area (within huts/tents/other accommodation) of at least; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.10m²/10kg pig 0.15m²/20kg pig 0.2m²/30kg pig 0.26m²/40kg pig 0.31m²/50kg pig 0.36m²/60kg pig 0.41m²/70kg pig 0.45m²/80kg pig 0.475m²/90kg pig 0.50m²/100kg pig 0.53m²/110kg pig Total Area (i.e. paddock space) of at least 12m²/pig where accommodation is moved to new paddocks after each batch. Where this does not happen then the Total Area provided must be at least 40 m²/pig. It is permitted to reduce the Total Area (but not the lying area) immediately after weaning for the purpose of training the pigs in their new paddocks. This shall be for no longer than 3 weeks It is permitted to move finished pigs into huts/tents/barns/other accommodation for sorting for no longer than 48 hours prior to dispatch to the abattoir. 		

Notes

- In all cases pigs can be temporarily housed indoors to receive veterinary treatment, in case of emergency or if required or directed by relevant authorities (for example in the case of an exotic disease outbreak)
- The labelling term “Free Range” can only be applied to product that conforms to the requirements of all stages of production



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OUTDOOR			
Labelling Term	Outdoor Bred	Outdoor Reared	Outdoor / Total Outdoor
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sows kept throughout their productive lives outside in a field on soil with huts / tents/ other accommodation available for protection from weather. Where soil and or climatic conditions are a constraint a derogation may be given to house dry and gestating sows in deep straw bedded barns/other accommodation for no longer than the first 7 weeks in each production cycle. The derogation will be granted to individual farms by the Code of Practice Management Board and will be reviewed after 2 years. Retail, food service and brand manufacturing companies that have derogated farms as part of their supply chain will make this information available to consumers either through literature, on websites or on request. Pigs born and reared to weaning outside in a field with huts / tents /other accommodation available for protection from weather. <p><u>Criteria:</u> Minimum space allowances for sows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lying Area (within huts/tents/other accommodation) of at least 1.5m²/adult sow, 1m²/gilt Total Area (i.e. paddock space) a maximum of 30 adult animals per hectare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sows kept throughout their productive lives outside in a field on soil with huts / tents/ other accommodation available for protection from weather. Piglets reared to at least 30 kg outside in a field with huts / tents/ other accommodation available for protection from weather. <p><u>Criteria:</u> Minimum space allowances for sows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lying Area (within huts/tents/other accommodation) of at least 1.5m²/adult sow, 1m²/gilt Total Area (i.e. paddock space) a maximum of 30 adult animals per hectare <p>Minimum space allowances for pigs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lying Area (within huts/tents/other accommodation) of at least; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.10m²/10kg pig 0.15m²/20kg pig 0.2m²/30kg pig 0.26m²/40kg pig 0.31m²/50kg pig Total area (i.e. paddock/enclosure space) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.5m²/ 35kg/pig 1.3m²/50kg/pig 	<p>Outdoor Reared pigs finished outside in a field with huts / tents/ other accommodation available for protection from weather.</p> <p><u>Criteria:</u> Minimum space allowances for pigs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lying Area (within huts/tents/other accommodation) of at least; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.26m²/40kg pig 0.31m²/50kg pig 0.36m²/60kg pig 0.41m²/70kg pig 0.45m²/80kg pig 0.475m²/90kg pig 0.50m²/100kg pig 0.53m²/110kg pig Total Area (i.e. paddock/enclosure space) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.3m²/50kg pig 1.5m²/75kg pig 1.67m²/95kg pig 1.72m²/110kg pig It is permitted to move finished pigs indoors for sorting for no longer than [5] days prior to dispatch to the abattoir

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- In all cases pigs can be temporarily housed indoors to receive veterinary treatment, in case of emergency or if required or directed by relevant authorities (for example in the case of an exotic disease outbreak)
- To avoid potential confusion the terms Outdoor Bred and Outdoor Reared must be accompanied by simple statements about the remainder of the production system. For example Outdoor Reared *and finished in barns*.
- Outdoor Bred producers operating under derogation can, if required, have a transition period up to 1 June 2012 in order to comply with the requirement to house dry and gestating sows in straw barns/other accommodation for a maximum of 7 weeks
- The above definitions will enable consumers to understand the base line standards behind the production terms used. Retailers and food service operators will retain the ability to add their own specific criteria thus allowing continued differentiation of products.