

Improving preparedness to apply for a permit in an emergency animal disease response

Why might I need to apply for a movement permit?

Movements of pigs and other products associated with the introduction and spread of disease may be controlled by permits *under the Livestock Act 1997* in an emergency animal disease (EAD) outbreak. Approval of a permit will be subject to a risk-assessment and may require that producers comply with specified conditions.

This includes movements of:

- Live pigs to abattoirs and other properties
- Breeding stock and genetic material such as semen
- Piggery waste such as compost and used husbandry materials
- Feed and feed ingredients

Information that will be required when applying for a permit

Detailed information about the piggery and the proposed movement will be required when applying for a permit to enable the Department of Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) to conduct a risk assessment. While much of this information can be documented now, some will be dependent on the EAD outbreak that has occurred.

Documented now	Required at time of application
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Piggery information and contact details• Property Identification Codes (PIC)• Rural street addresses• Piggery map• Information on routine movements• Maps of proposed travel routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Property classification• Transport vehicle details• Cleaning and disinfection procedures• Enhanced farm biosecurity• Reason for permit if not routine

What can I do now to support my preparedness?

The continued presence of foot and mouth disease (FMD) and African swine fever (ASF) in Indonesia has heightened the risk of disease spread to Australia. Any EAD incursion will trigger the requirement for the movement of pigs and other products under a permit while the disease is eradicated.

Producers are being invited to complete the below forms to assist Pork SA and PIRSA in preparing for the number and types of permits likely to be required during an EAD response. The forms capture routine movements of pigs and other farm products off-site, including to abattoirs or other properties that travel past another PIC. The forms are easy to use, take less than 45 minutes to complete and can be accessed using a desktop, tablet or phone. Forms will close at **midnight May 1, 2024 (ACDT)**.

How to access the forms

- Click [here](#) to complete the form for [consignments of pigs](#).
- Click [here](#) to complete the form for [other farm inputs and outputs](#).



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Piggeries that routinely move pigs or other farm inputs or outputs off their property within, into or out of South Australia are strongly encouraged to participate.

Producers are also encouraged to map the travel routes of routine pig movements captured in the form and provide maps to PIRSA to support permit preparedness.

- Maps can be emailed to pirsa.animalbio@sa.gov.au along with the origin and destination PIC.
- Please include *pig biosecurity project* in the email subject line.
- Click here for [instructions on how to generate maps](#).

Benefits to you

Completing this form will support:

- Producers to collate details about routine site movements in advance so information is readily available when applying for a permit during an EAD outbreak
- Opportunities to improve farm biosecurity and preparedness as identified in the [PIRSA-Pork SA Biosecurity Benchmarking Survey](#)
- Compliance of APIQ[✓]® Option C Voluntary Enhanced Biosecurity Standards for African swine fever

How can I support the likelihood that my application will be approved?

The APIQ[✓]® Option C Voluntary Enhanced Biosecurity Standards for African swine fever (VEBS-ASF) includes practices to minimise the risk of ASF introduction and spread. While they are targeted to ASF, the standards could be considered a minimum standard for other EADs.

VEBS-ASF compliance supports assurances that measures are in place to reduce the risk of disease associated with movements onto and off a property and better positions farms to meet specific conditions that may be required. Further information about the VEBS-ASF is available on the [Australian Pork](#) website.



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Frequently Asked Questions

What is a routine movement?

Any regular movement of live pigs or other products from one property to another. The consignment may be daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly or other regular intervals up to a maximum of 3 months. The receiving property may be an abattoir or other property under the same or a different PIC.

What information do I need to complete the form?

To complete the form, you will need access to the following:

- Details about the movement including what is being moved and the usual frequency of the movement
- PIC, business name, rural street address and APIQ✓® status of the origin site, destination site and any properties enroute where the vehicle stops (if applicable)
- Name and contact details of
 - Your herd veterinarian (if applicable)
 - Transport carrier
 - Person responsible for the consignment at origin site, destination site and any properties enroute where the vehicle makes a stop

Will I need to submit an official permit application in a disease outbreak?

Yes, if an EAD outbreak occurs, you will need to submit permit applications via an official South Australian Government system. Additional information relating to the outbreak and to PIRSA's risk assessment process may also be required.

Does completing the form guarantee that I will receive a movement permit?

No, movement permits cannot be issued outside of an EAD outbreak. Approval for a permit is based on a risk assessment that takes into consideration other factors such as the disease, the location of the origin and destination in relation to the outbreak, and the biosecurity status of the origin and destination. However, farms that complete the form will be better positioned to submit an application in a timely manner so that it can be assessed.

How can I map the travel routes of transport vehicles?

The travel routes taken for pig movements can be mapped using [Google Maps](#).

1. Enter the destination address in the search pane.
2. Click the *directions* button and enter the origin address (Google Maps will give you options for directions to take).
3. Choose the route that is taken and click on *details*.
4. Click *print* icon and select option *print including maps*.
5. Click *print* and *save as PDF*.
6. Email route maps to pirsa.animalbio@sa.gov.au along with the origin and destination PIC. Please include *pig biosecurity project* in the email subject line.

