

Recommended Minimum Farm Biosecurity Standard

1 Stand Down Period

All persons, vehicles and equipment that enter a pig farm where possible must have had no contact with pigs or pig facilities for 24 hours before they enter a pig farm. This includes a 24 hour stand down from lairage at a slaughter house.

2 Persons – staff and visitors

Visitor access should be restricted to those persons with a need to visit, and must in all cases exclude persons with flu-like symptoms.

Staff who are sick, particularly with flu-like symptoms, or who have been in close contact with persons with flu-like symptoms must not work with pigs or have contact with co-workers.

(These precautions are particularly important to minimise the potential for transmitting Pandemic (H1N1)2009 from humans to New Zealand pigs.)

3 Cleaning and Disinfection

In addition to a 24-hour stand down period, all vehicles that have entered a piggery in the past must be washed before entering another pig farm. For the purposes of this Standard, a vehicle is considered to have entered a piggery if it comes within 10 m of the pigs or their housing.

In addition to a 24-hour stand down period, all equipment that has been on a piggery in the past must be washed and disinfected before it is taken onto another pig farm.

In addition to a 24-hour stand down period, persons must have showered in the 24 hours before entering a pig farm.

All clothing and footwear that is worn onto a piggery must be clean.

Footwear that has entered another piggery in the past must be scrubbed clean and soaked in a licensed disinfectant for 5 minutes before it is considered clean. Particular attention must be paid to clothing and footwear to which pigs or their environment may be directly exposed (e.g. overalls and gumboots).

4 Other Animals

Contact between pigs and other animals, and access of other animals to pig areas should be prevented where possible.

All farmers should maintain a thorough rodent reduction programme.

5 Other Pigs

Producers should discuss biosecurity issues pertaining to the introduction of new stock with their veterinarian. In all instances, however, it is recommended that pigs are obtained from the minimum number of sources.

NOTE

Equivalent standards may be agreed on a case by case basis where the specific risk has been assessed and addressed by suitable biosecurity measures e.g. in the case of feed delivery trucks and drivers.

No stand down period or cleaning and disinfection is required where contact was with pigs or their environment on the same farm.

Individual farmers may choose to consider herds on separate properties as being part of the same farm e.g. where the breeding and growing herd are on different sites.