

BIOSECURITY ACT 2015

Biosecurity (NLIS) Regulation 2017

New NLIS Pig requirements

Why is NLIS important?

The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) provides traceability of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs from property of birth to slaughter.

The system helps NSW to maintain product integrity, market access, and good biosecurity and food safety practices.

The NLIS also provides a critical role in allowing livestock to be easily traced in the event of an emergency animal disease outbreak.

NLIS for pigs

New NLIS requirements for pigs took effect on 1 February 2018.

The changes mean NLIS requirements for pigs are now consistent with other livestock including cattle, sheep and goats.

These arrangements are based on the NLIS Pig Standards, which were developed collaboratively between government and industry.

What is changing?

From 1 February 2018:

- Pig owners, a stock and station agent, the operator of a stock event (e.g. a show), the operator of a saleyard or abattoir, must record all movements of pigs in the PigPass database and keep records, in accordance with the [Biosecurity \(National Livestock Identification System\) Regulation 2017](#).

- All pigs under 25 kilograms live weight, that were previously exempt, must be permanently identified with an NLIS accredited breeder device or post breeder device (ear tag).
- NLIS ear tags may also be used to identify pigs over 25 kilograms live weight although brands/ tattoos are preferred.
- One or more post breeder devices may be attached to a pig. Only one breeder device can be attached to a pig.
- A Buyer Reconciliation report containing all relevant transaction information is now an approved NLIS movement document.

What is not changing?

- NLIS Pigs is a mob-based tracing system.
- A property Identification Code (PIC) is required for all parcels of land where one or more pigs are kept.
- Pigs over 25 kilograms live weight must still be identified, preferably with a swine brand, before moving from their property of birth and subsequent properties. (See the changes above for pigs under 25 kilograms)
- All pig movements must be accompanied by a PigPass National Vendor Declaration (NVD).
- PIC managers must ensure any changes to PIC information such as the property name, location of property, or personal contact details are given to the Local Land Services district registrar within 14 days.

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Are there exemptions?

Movements do not require identification or to be accompanied by a PigPass NVD:

- if a pig is moved from one PIC to another PIC and ownership does not change; and
- both properties are accredited by the Australian Pork Industry Quality Assurance Program (APIQ); and
- the movement is reported to the PigPass database within two days.

This exclusion does NOT apply to movements to shows/events and saleyards.

Are the NLIS pig requirements a legal obligation?

Yes. All requirements related to the identification and traceability of pigs are in the [Biosecurity \(National Livestock Identification System\) Regulation 2017](#).

General biosecurity duty and the NLIS

Under the Biosecurity Act anyone who owns a pig or trades in them has a duty to take steps to prevent, eliminate or minimise any biosecurity risks. This is known as a “general biosecurity duty”.

Meeting your legal obligations to comply with the NLIS Regulation is one way you can meet your general biosecurity duty. You should also manage and prevent diseases, follow industry standards, codes of practice, guidelines or other NLIS advisory material.

Where can I go for more information?

If you have any questions about PigPass, visit www.pigpass.com.au or call the PigPass Helpdesk on 1800 001 458.

If you need to apply for or PIC, ask about tattoos or NLIS tags for pigs, please contact your nearest Local Land Services office on 1300 795 299 or go to www.lls.nsw.gov.au/contact-us

Where can I register for PigPass?

To register for PigPass go to www.pigpass.com.au/register.

Alternatively, you can ring the PigPass Helpdesk on 1800 001 458. Make sure you have your PIC details and pig tattoo number ready when you start the registration process.

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