

APPLICATION FOR DEROGATION TO SOURCE NON-ASSURED BREEDING STOCK AND SEMEN ONTO ASSURED HOLDING

For an animal to be considered Red Tractor assured it must derive from a farm holding certified under the species-specific Red Tractor Farm Scheme, or other equivalent scheme recognised as equivalent by Red Tractor. To be marketed as Red Tractor assured, pigs must have been kept on an assured farm(s) for their whole life.

Pigs and semen brought onto a Red Tractor certified pig unit must therefore be sourced from sites assured under the Red Tractor or QMS Pigs Scheme for the pigs and/or progeny to be considered assured.

Non-assured breeding stock and semen (e.g. imported from outside the UK or from a holding in the UK that is not Red Tractor assured) may be sourced, but only following receipt of a derogation in writing from Red Tractor which must be sought in advance of any consignment.

Requests for a derogation to source non-assured breeding stock and/or semen should include the following details:

- Name and address of the supplier
- Reason for sourcing non-assured stock/semen
- Number of animals and/or semen doses in the consignment

Details should be sent to memberhelp@redtractor.org.uk and await a written response before sourcing non-assured stock/semen.

Although progeny from non-assured breeding stock or semen brought onto the unit in line with the requirements above will be considered assured, the non-assured breeding animals cannot be sold as assured as they have not been born and reared on Red Tractor assured holdings for their whole life.

ISOLATION SITES

Holdings used as isolation sites for breeding stock imported from outside the UK are not required to be Red Tractor assured. However, breeding stock imported from outside the UK and subsequently moved from an isolation site onto a Red Tractor assured pig unit must be sourced in accordance with the relevant standards for imported non-assured breeding stock, i.e. in line with the NPA Imports Protocol and only following receipt of a derogation as described above.