



## TOP TIPS TO AVOID NON-CONFORMANCES

We understand that you are passionate about the food you produce and work hard to ensure it is produced to Red Tractor standards. No-one likes a non-conformance, so this flyer sets out top tips for how to avoid the most common non-conformances in the Red Tractor Pigs Scheme.

Remember to make use of our **templates** and **checklists** which are available online.

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### 1. Has at least one person on the unit undertaken responsible use of medicines training?

- Ensure you have a certificate of competence or attendance for training, which must have been undertaken since **January 2018**
- Training undertaken since Nov 2021 needs to be one from Red Tractor's [approved courses list](#)

### 2. Have you submitted your total antibiotic usage to eMB?

- Ensure data is uploaded on a **quarterly** basis and within 6 weeks from the last day of each quarter
- Ensure **all** antibiotics, including medicated feed, are included

### 3. Is vermin being controlled effectively?

- Ensure there is no **build-up of vegetation** close to farm structures that could harbour vermin
- Carry out site surveys on a **quarterly** basis and document the locations inspected for vermin, any findings and actions required



### 4. Have you documented tail biting risks and are you following an action plan to minimise tail biting?

- All units need to do an **annual risk assessment** to identify any farm-specific risk factors for tail biting
- Units rearing docked pigs must be **implementing actions** to minimise risk of tail biting and the need for docking



### 5. Have you had your non-mains water source tested in the last 12 months?

- Ensure the water test looks for total viable count (TVC) and coliform levels
- Make sure you've **investigated and taken action** to address any bacterial contamination

### 6. Do all pigs always have access to the right combinations of environmental enrichment?

- Make sure that enrichment has been provided in **farrowing pens** to sows and piglets
- Ensure the right **combinations** of enrichment are provided. Enrichment from the 'marginal interest' category, such as chains and plastic pipe, needs to be supplemented with 'suboptimal' or 'optimal' enrichment

### 7. Is the biosecure area defined on your farm map?

- Ensure the biosecure area is clearly indicated on farm map(s) with an **overall site biosecure area** and, within that, **specific biosecure areas** including each pig area and feed stores
- There must be **visible markers** at entry points into the site biosecure area

### 8. Are you storing fallen stock securely?

- Ensure fallen stock is stored in containers that are always **locked** (unless empty) with **no leakage of effluent**

### 9. Are you protecting feed stored in hoppers from contamination by birds?

- Measures may include use of hopper covers or bird-proofing of the building