

21—64.154(163,166D) Identification.

64.154(1) All breeding and feeder swine being exhibited or having a change of ownership must be identified by a method approved by the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship. The identification shall be applied by the owner, the pig dealer, or the livestock dealer at the farm of origin or by the pig dealer or the livestock dealer at the first concentration point.

64.154(2) Approved identification.*a. Breeding swine.*

(1) Ear tags or tattoos with an alphabetic or numeric system to provide unique identification for each animal.

(2) Ear notches or ear tattoos, if applied according to the standard breed registry system.

(3) Electronic devices, other devices, or marks which, when applied, will permanently and uniquely identify each animal.

(4) Breeding swine qualified to move intrastate without individual tests may move without unique identification of each animal, if they are all identified as a group to the herd of origin by an official premises tattoo.

b. Feeder swine.

(1) Ear tags or tattoos with an alphabetic or numeric system to provide unique identification with each herd, each lot, or each individual swine.

(2) Electronic devices, other devices, or marks which, when applied, will provide permanent identification with each herd, each lot, or each individual swine.

c. Restricted movement swine.

(1) All infected herds not on an approved herd cleanup plan shall only move swine directly to slaughter by restricted movement. All animals from infected herds must move by restricted movement to slaughter (slaughtering plant or fixed concentration point) or to an approved premises detailed in the herd cleanup plan. The department may, until a herd plan is approved and showing progress, require the movement of all slaughter swine by “direct movement,” to slaughter only, by a Permit for Restricted Movement to Slaughter which provides a description of the animals, the owner, the consignee, the date of movement, the destination, and the identification or vehicle seal number if applicable. These “restricted movement to slaughter only swine” shall be individually identified by approved metal ear tags applied at the farm of origin, if required. The transportation vehicle must be sealed at the farm of origin. This seal shall be applied by an accredited veterinarian. This seal shall be removed by an accredited veterinarian, USDA official, department official, or the person purchasing the swine upon arrival of the consignment at the destination indicated on the Permit for Restricted Movement to Slaughter.

The ear tags shall have an alphabetic or numeric numbering system to provide unique identification with each herd, each lot, or each individual swine. They shall be applied prior to movement and listed on the Permit for Restricted Movement to Slaughter, if required. This Permit for Restricted Movement to Slaughter shall be issued and distributed by an accredited veterinarian as follows:

1. Original to accompany shipment.
2. Mail a copy to the department.
3. Veterinarian issuing permit will retain a copy.

(2) The vehicle sealing requirement may be waived by the department. Written application for waiver must be directed to the state veterinarian’s office, and written waivers may be granted for herds in compliance with an approved herd cleanup plan. The minimal requirements for granting a waiver shall be:

1. No clinical disease in the herd for the past 30 days.
2. Complete herd vaccination documentation.
3. Compliance with herd plan testing requirements.
4. Concurrence of herd veterinarian and regulatory district veterinarian.

No waiver shall be granted, and waivers already granted shall be voided, for herds still classified as infected four months from the initial infection date. The department may impose additional requirements on a case-by-case basis.

The department may grant an extension to this waiver for a period of up to four additional months on a case-by-case basis. Written application for waiver extension must be directed to the state veterinarian's office, and written waivers may be granted for herds in compliance with an approved herd cleanup plan.

64.154(3) Approved ear tags available from the Iowa department of agriculture and land stewardship:

- a. Pink tags to identify pseudorabies vaccinated swine.
- b. Silver tags to identify feeder pigs from pseudorabies noninfected herds.
- c. Blue tags to identify other swine.

64.154(4) Farm-to-farm movement of native Iowa feeder pigs.

a. Native Iowa feeder pigs sold and moved farm-to-farm within the state are exempt from identification requirements if the owner transferring possession and the person taking possession agree in writing that the feeder pigs will not be commingled with other swine for a period of 30 days. The owner transferring possession shall provide a copy of the agreement to the person taking possession of the feeder pigs.

b. "Moved farm-to-farm" as used in this rule means feeder pigs farrowed and raised in Iowa by a farm owner or operator and sold to another farm owner or operator who agree, in writing, not to commingle these pigs for at least 30 days.

Feeder pigs purchased for resale by a pig dealer cannot be moved farm-to-farm, as described in the above paragraph. They must be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and be identified.

c. Identification-exempt feeder pigs must originate from a "monitored," or other "noninfected," herd. The "monitored herd" number, or other qualifying number, and the date of expiration must also be shown on the Certificate of Inspection.

All identification-exempt feeder pigs aboard the transport vehicle must be from the same farm of origin and be the only pigs aboard. They must be kept in "isolation" and transported by "direct movement" to the farm of destination.

d. The veterinarian will certify, by signature on the Certificate of Inspection, that the above conditions have been met and that the pigs are exempt from the identification requirements and will qualify for movement according to 64.155(4).

64.154(5) Swine being relocated intrastate without a change of ownership are exempt from health certification, identification requirements, and transportation certification except as required by Iowa Code chapter 172B provided relocation records sufficient to determine the origin, the current pseudorabies status of the herd of origin, the number relocated, the date relocated, and destination of the relocated swine are available for inspection.

Swine relocated within a herd held on multiple premises are exempted from this health certification, identification requirement, and transportation certification, except as required by Iowa Code chapter 172B and the above record-keeping requirements.

Relocation records, if required, shall be maintained and available for inspection for a minimum of two years.

64.154(6) This rule should not be construed to implement or affect the identification requirements set down in Iowa Code sections 163.34, 163.35, 163.36, and 163.37. Records of identification applied to slaughter swine at concentration points shall be reported weekly to the department on forms provided by the department.