

## SCHEDULE 8

### Additional conditions that apply to the keeping of pigs

#### PART 6

##### Weaners and rearing pigs

**39.** As soon as possible after weaning, weaners and rearing pigs must be kept in stable groups, with as little mixing as possible.

**40.** If weaners and rearing pigs unfamiliar with one another have to be mixed—

- (a) this must if possible be done before weaning or up to one week after weaning, or otherwise when the pigs are as young as possible; and
- (b) they must be provided with adequate opportunities to escape and hide from other pigs.

**41.** The use of tranquilising medication in order to facilitate mixing must be limited to exceptional conditions and only after consultation with a veterinary surgeon.

**42.** If there are signs of severe fighting, the causes must be immediately investigated and appropriate measures taken.

**43.** The unobstructed floor area available to each weaner or rearing pig reared in a group must be at least—

- (a) 0.15 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is 10 kg or less;
- (b) 0.20 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 10 kg, but less than or equal to 20 kg;
- (c) 0.30 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 20 kg but less than or equal to 30 kg;
- (d) 0.40 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 30 kg but less than or equal to 50 kg;
- (e) 0.55 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 50 kg but less than or equal to 85 kg;
- (f) 0.65 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 85 kg but less than or equal to 110 kg; and
- (g) 1.00 m<sup>2</sup> for each pig where the average weight of the pigs in the group is more than 110 kg.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007, PART 6.