

# A guide for pig keepers

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## Introduction

Whether you keep one pet pig or a commercial herd you must by law be registered as a pig keeper with the Defra's Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency (AHVLA). In the event of a disease outbreak, knowing the precise location of all livestock is essential for effective measures to control and eradicate highly contagious viruses. You place both your own and other livestock in the area at risk if you do not register your holding or report "notifiable diseases" (Please see the link in Annex 1 for a list).

If you have any questions regarding these issues please contact the **Defra Livestock Identification Helpline on 0845 050 9876** or your nearest AHVLA Regional Office (contact details at Annex 1).

## Before moving a pig to your holding

- You will need a County Parish Holding number (CPH) which identifies the land where the pigs will be kept.
- The CPH is a 9 digit number.
- The first 2 digits relate to the county your pigs are kept in, the next 3 digits relate to the parish and the last 4 digits are a unique holding number. For example, 12 / 345 / 6789.
- Once you have a CPH number you should register with AHVLA as a livestock keeper.
- To apply for a CPH you need to contact **The Rural Payments Agency (RPA) customer registration helpline on 0845 603 7777**.

## You can now move the pig(s) to your holding

- Pig movements usually take place under the terms of a General Licence, which sets out the conditions for movement. You may obtain a copy from the Defra website (see Annex 1).
- All pig movements must however be recorded and reported by the keeper.
- From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011 keepers who register on the free to use eAML2 system can report moves electronically online.
- BPEX/MLCSL who provide the service also provide an alternative for keepers without computer equipment or the internet - to report movements through a **bureau** service (either by phone or in writing) who will produce new style printed haulier summary/movement document (HS/MD) for the keeper – see Annex 1 for contact details..
- These new arrangements provide require **pre-notification** of moves.
- You have the option of using the existing paper AML2 system until 1 April 2012.
- **It is important to remember to "plan your pig moves in advance". If you are using a bureau service you may need to allow time for your HS/MD to arrive through the post.**

## From October 2011

Pig movements must always be accompanied by a printed movement document (HS/MD) generated from the eAML2 online system or the telephone bureau service (or paper AML2 until 31 March 2012).

### eaml2 System

- You will need to pre-notify all movements on line through this free to use electronic eAML2 service - or - for those without internet access on the telephone or in writing through the BPEX-MLCSL bureau service (contact details at Annex 1. The British Pig Association (BPA) will also be offering a similar service for their members).
- You can register to use the system by going to the webpage [www.eaml2.org.uk](http://www.eaml2.org.uk). Queries or problems should be directed to the e-aml2 helpline (contact details at Annex 1).
- You can then set up movements online and print off the requisite number of haulier summary/movement documents (HS/MD):
  - If the receiving keeper does not have access to a computer, you will need to print a copy for him to retain and another for him to send to MLCSL to confirm his receipt of the animals. If the destination keeper confirms receipt of the pigs to the bureau via phone he will only require one copy to keep for his records.
- You load pigs and give the HS/MD(s) to the haulier and then confirms details via SMS text or online on the date of dispatch.
- The destination abattoir/farm/market confirms the animals/numbers arrived on line or via notification to the BPEX-MLCSL bureau service with the haulier retaining a copy of the HS/MD given to them at loading.
- Completed movement details are uploaded (nightly) into the Government's AMLS database from the eAML2 system, providing efficient and accurate movement data.
- Pig movements **to a market** (or collection centre) that you require to move 'on the day' do not need to be pre-notified. You may complete a written paper copy of the HS/MD (copies available from markets and MLCSL). You can only move animals to market in this way **IF** the market/cc will send the details electronically to MLCSL for *both* the move from the farm and confirmation of the arrival at the market - on the day of arrival of the pigs. **Keepers must ensure the market can facilitate this option** before moving the animals and must receive and retain confirmation from the market when it has done so in the form of a completed HS/MD.
- You will no longer need an Individual Movement Licence (IML) to move pigs **from** a market as the movement will be pre-notified electronically by the market. However the haulier will still require a HS/MD for the transportation of the animals.
- For all electronic moves all HS/MD records will be stored electronically on the eAML2 system for 3 years and will be available to be inspected by the relevant authorities.
- The transporter must keep their copies of HS/MDs for 6 months.

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- Flow diagrams in the attached Annex's illustrate:
  - examples of the different types of moves, and;
  - differences between non electronic moves and bureau moves.
- The eAML2 system is run on 2 servers so there is always a back up if one server goes down. In the unlikely event that both servers are down keepers should revert to paper and forward a copy of the HS/MD to the MLCSL paper bureau for keying (the address for the MLCSL bureau is in Annex 1). It is advised that keepers keep blank copies of the HS template to allow for any such occurrence. HS/MD template is available from markets and MLCSL.
- Copies of HS/MDs must be kept by the receiving keeper for 6 months, unless the keeper uses the electronic e-AMLS2 service.

### **AML2 paper system (available until 31 March 2012)**

- If you wish to use the carbonated paper AML2 system to report a pig movement, you may do so up until 31 March 2012.
- All pig movements must be accompanied by a completed paper AML2 movement document.
- The person you are receiving the pigs from will be responsible for providing you with a copy of the AML2.
- The departing keeper completes sections A and C on the AML2 then keeps the yellow copy for their records.
- The person transporting the pigs then completes section B with their details and keeps the blue copy.
- The AML2 travels with the pigs.
- On arrival at your holding you must complete section D with your details, even if you are registered for online reporting of moves and return the form as identified below.
- You retain the pink copy of the AML2 for at least 6 months.
- The destination keeper must, within 3 days of the pigs arriving, send the white top copy of the paper AML2s to MLCSL (Meat and Livestock Commercial Services Ltd) and not the Local Authority). Address at Annex 1.
- **If you have internet access and you register to use the new e-AML2 system you should find setting up and pre-notifying your pig movements is an easier and more efficient option.**
- Note: the functionality to report show moves via the e-AML2 system will not be in place until January 2012.

## From April 2012

- From 1 April 2012 paper copies of AML2s movement documents can no longer be used for movement reporting.
- Pig movements must then be notified via the eAML2 movement system or via pre-notification to BPEX bureau.

## 20 Day Standstill

- Once the pigs arrive on your holding, your holding will be under a standstill whereby other farmed livestock may not be moved off the holding for specific periods. The standstill rules are there to protect against the rapid spread of any new outbreak of disease – the standstill acts as an incubation period and slows down the spread of disease.
- Pigs trigger a 20 day standstill on other pigs when they move onto a holding.
- Pigs trigger a 6 day standstill on any cattle, sheep or goats on that holding.
- Cattle, sheep and goats moving onto a holding will impose a 6 day standstill on any pig on that holding.
- For more information on livestock movements your local AHVLA Regional Office and Local Authority Trading Standards can advise you or visit the Defra Livestock Movement website see Annex 1.

## Register your pigs

- Once the pigs are on your holding for the first time you need to register your herd with Defra (however small) within one month.
- This time you need to contact your [local AHVLA Regional office](#).
- You will be asked for your CPH number as a reference.
- Once you inform them you are keeping pigs, they may be able to register them for you over the phone but be prepared to put this in writing.
- If your correspondence address is different from the herd location, inform your [AHVLA Regional Office](#) and confirm they have the correct details.
- When your pigs are registered, a herd mark will be automatically created. You may be told this over the phone.
- Herdmarks for pigs are 1 or 2 letters followed by 4 digits. For example, A1234 or AB1234.
- The Defra herdmark provides a quick and effective means of identifying premises from which pigs have moved. It is unique, kept on a single database and available to inspectors for rapid tracing.

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- The AHVLA Regional Office will send you a registration document which will contain your personal details, CPH and herdmark.
- If you ever have any questions regarding any of these issues then please do not hesitate to contact your [local AHVLA Regional Office](#) or the Defra helpline.

## Records

You need to keep a *holding movement record* in the following simple format:

The Pigs (Records, Identification and Movement) Order 2011				
Name and address of the person keeping the record				
Date of movement	The Identification number <sup>(1)</sup> or temporary mark	Number of pigs	Holding from which moved	Holding to which moved
01/10/2011	AB1234	5	-My Holding -Full address -CPH	-Mr xxx -New Holding -Full address -CPH

(1) In the case of a movement to shows, AI centres, or for export, this **must** include each pig's unique individual identification number.

- You need to record each movement of a pig on or off the holding in this document within 36 hours of the movement.
- Once a year you need to record the maximum number of pigs normally on the holding and the actual number of pigs on the holding at that date.
- You need to keep this record for 3 years after you stop keeping pigs.
- Your records must be available for inspection by the relevant official inspectorate.
- They may make an on farm visit or may request your records to be sent in for inspection.
- This record can be kept in hard copy or electronic form. If you keep your records in electronic form you must be able to provide a hard copy of your record on request.

## Identification

You can identify your pig by an eartag, tattoo or double slapmark. All equipment can be purchased from agricultural suppliers (for list of suppliers see Annex 1).

### Eartag

- An eartag must be stamped or printed – not hand written.
- It contains the letters “UK” followed by your herdmark.
- For example, UK AB1234.
- Tags used for slaughter must be metal or plastic **but must be sufficiently heat resistant** to withstand carcase processing.
- Tags used for movements between holdings can be plastic.

### Tattoo

- Can be a tattoo of your herdmark - on the ear.
- For example, AB1234.
- UK is not needed.

### Slapmark

- A permanent ink mark of the herdmark which is applied on each front shoulder area of the pig.
- Legible for the life of the pig and throughout the processing of its carcase.
- For example, AB1234.
- The use of ‘UK’ is voluntary.
- Use of compressed air slap marking equipment is permitted.

### Temporary Mark

- Can be a paintmark on the pig – for example, a red line, black cross or blue circle.
- Must last until the pig reaches its destination.
- Combined with the haulier summary / movement document, the temporary mark must be able to identify the holding from which the pig moved.

## Identification of pigs under 12 months old

- Can move between holdings with a temporary paintmark.
- Move to slaughter with an eartag, tattoo or double slapmarks.
- Move to any type of market with an eartag, tattoo or double slapmarks.
- Move to a show or exhibition with an eartag, tattoo or double slapmarks - with an individual identification number.

## Identification of pigs over 12 months old

- These pigs can only move between holdings, to any type of market and to slaughter with an eartag, tattoo or double slapmarks bearing your Defra herdmark. **Your Defra herdmark must be applied to a pig before it moves off your Holding.**
- **Moves to a show or exhibition, for breeding purposes, to an AI Centre or for intra community trade or export** - must be with a tag, tattoo or slapmarks including a unique individual identifying number.

**Below are photos of an ear tagged pig and a slap marked pig**



## Pet pig walking licences

People keeping any pigs or 'micro' pigs as pets or as a hobby are subject to the same rules and regulations as pigs kept in a commercial herd, and they must be legally identified.

As a pet pig owner you must never move your pig(s) or walk them without obtaining a walking licence from your local AHVLA Regional Office.

Your route will need to be pre approved:

- If the Veterinary Officer at the AHVLA Regional Office believes there is a risk with your route it will not be approved.
- Routes may not be approved due to proximity to: a livestock market, high health status pig farms or fast food outlets, etc.
- If it is approved, you are issued with a licence that needs to be renewed annually.

The licence must be carried with you during the walk.

- [Advice and guidance for owners of pet pigs and 'micro' pigs](#)

## Feed advice

Following the outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease in 2001, the first case of which was found to be at a farm where unprocessed waste food was being fed to pigs, the Government carried out a review of the practice of swill feeding. The outbreak and subsequent review led to legislation banning the feeding of catering waste to any farmed animals or any other ruminant animal, pig or poultry. This is now reflected in EU-wide legislation. It is illegal to feed any pig any catering waste (including used cooking oil) from restaurants, kitchens (both household and central), and other catering facilities even if those establishments cater solely for vegetarians. Current legislation also imposes strict controls banning the feeding of other materials of animal origin or products containing them to farmed animals. There are however a small number of exceptions to this, and the following materials may be fed to pigs:

- Liquid milk or colostrum may be fed to pigs kept on the same holding as that on which the milk or colostrum originated;
- Former foodstuffs other than catering waste food from kitchens etc (see above) containing rennet, melted fat, milk or eggs but where these materials are not the main ingredient;
- Fishmeal, (animal derived) di-or tri-calcium phosphate, or blood products if suitably processed (see TSE Regulations internet link below); and
- Milk, milk products and white water when suitably treated.

Please note that anyone obtaining waste milk, milk products or white water to feed to their pigs would need to register with Defra for this purpose, although, in the case of milk products, this would only be necessary if they contained more than 80% milk. Details on how to register are available from either the Defra helpline (08459 33 55 77) or the internet

[www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/byproducts](http://www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/byproducts)

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It is permissible to source certain types of former foodstuffs (see above), as well as fruit and vegetables, from non-catering premises for feeding to pigs, but this must only be done from those premises that either do not handle materials banned from being fed to pigs, or that have (HACCP) procedures in place to ensure complete separation from prohibited materials, and these procedures have been agreed with the local authority.

If you are uncertain about what can and cannot be fed to your pigs please contact your local AHVLA Regional Office for further advice. A list of these offices is available on the internet (<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/index.htm>)

If in doubt don't feed it.

No matter how tempting it may be to feed catering waste food or other types of banned material to your pigs, this is illegal, and the above controls were introduced for a reason. Contaminated waste food can spread viruses and bacteria, and when infected with a disease like Foot and Mouth pigs can quickly infect other animals. Following these requirements will help keep your animals healthy and will reduce the risk of future outbreaks of disease.

Further information on the above controls is available on the internet at:

[www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/a-z/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/a-z/)

[www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/notifiable/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/notifiable/)

<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/managing-disease/animalbyproducts/food-and-feed-businesses/derived-products-animal-origin-in-farm.htm>

## **Annex 1 – Contacts and website links**

Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency Regional Offices -  
<http://animalhealth.defra.gov.uk/about/contact-us/index.htm>

Ayr 01292 291350

Bury St Edmunds 01284 778150

Caernarfon 01286 674144

Carmarthen 01267 245400

Exeter 01392 266373

Galashiels 01896 758806

Inverness 01463 728800

Inverurie 01467 626610

Leeds 0113 230 0100

Leicester 0116 278 7451

Newcastle 0191 229 5400

Perth 01738 602211

Preston 01772 861144

Reigate 01737 242242

Stafford 01785 231900

British Pig Association  
01223 845 100 or email - [bpa@britishpigs.org](mailto:bpa@britishpigs.org)  
[www.britishpigs.org.uk](http://www.britishpigs.org.uk)

National Pig Association (NPA)  
[www.npa-uk.org.uk](http://www.npa-uk.org.uk)

British Pig Executive (BPEX)  
[www.bpex.org.uk](http://www.bpex.org.uk)

Pig Veterinary Society  
[www.pigvetsoc.org.uk](http://www.pigvetsoc.org.uk)

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Defra website – [www.defra.gov.uk](http://www.defra.gov.uk)

Defra Pig Identification and movement web pages  
[www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/animals/movements/pigs](http://www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/animals/movements/pigs)

Defra Disease surveillance and control web pages  
[www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/controls/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/controls/)

Defra Livestock Identification Helpline  
(Mon-Fri 9:00 to 17:00) – 0845 050 9876

Defra list of notifiable list of diseases web page  
[www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/notifiable/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animal-diseases/notifiable/)

Defra Animal By-products page  
[www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/byproducts/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/byproducts/)

Rural Payments Agency (England)  
0845 603 7777

MLCSL eAML2 helpline  
**(Mon – Fri 09:00 to 17:00)**  
Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2TL  
0844 335 8400 or email – [eaml2@bpex.ahdb.org.uk](mailto:eaml2@bpex.ahdb.org.uk)

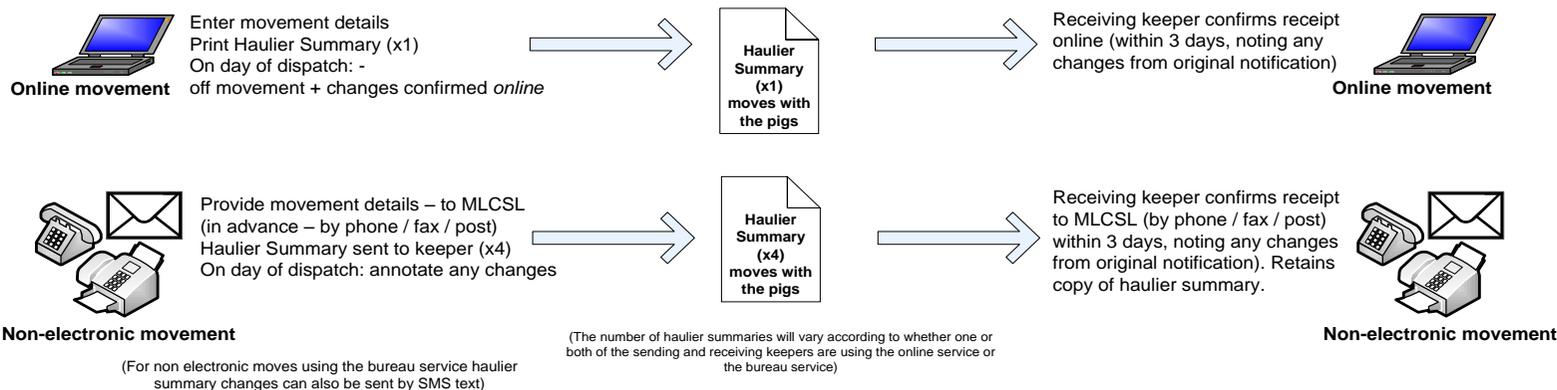
Slapmark & Eartag Suppliers  
[www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/animals/movements/pigs/](http://www.defra.gov.uk/food-farm/animals/movements/pigs/)

## Annex 2: A description of proposed new arrangements

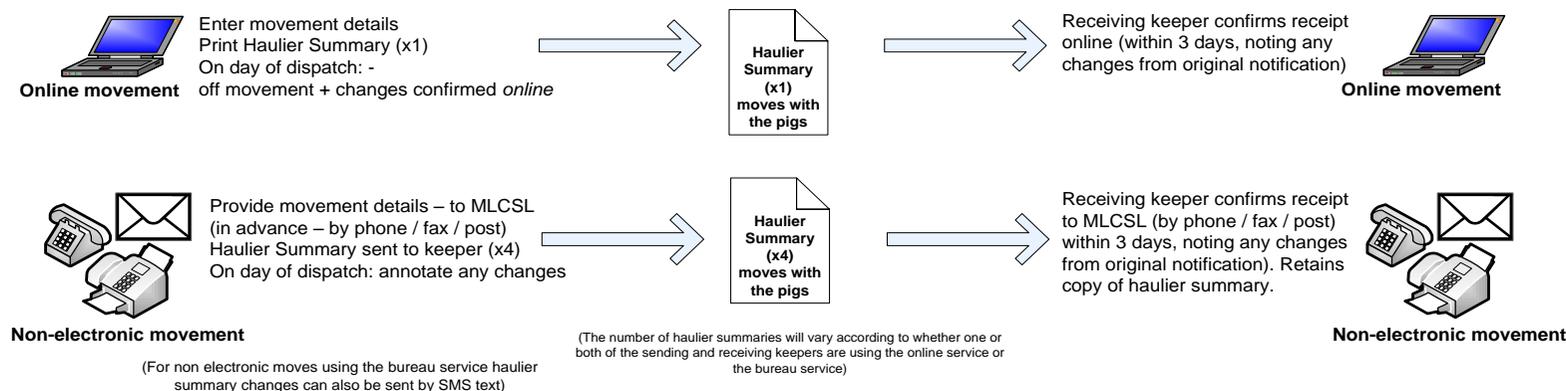
Below are descriptive examples of some common types of moves:

### Examples of a farm to farm move and farm to abattoir move

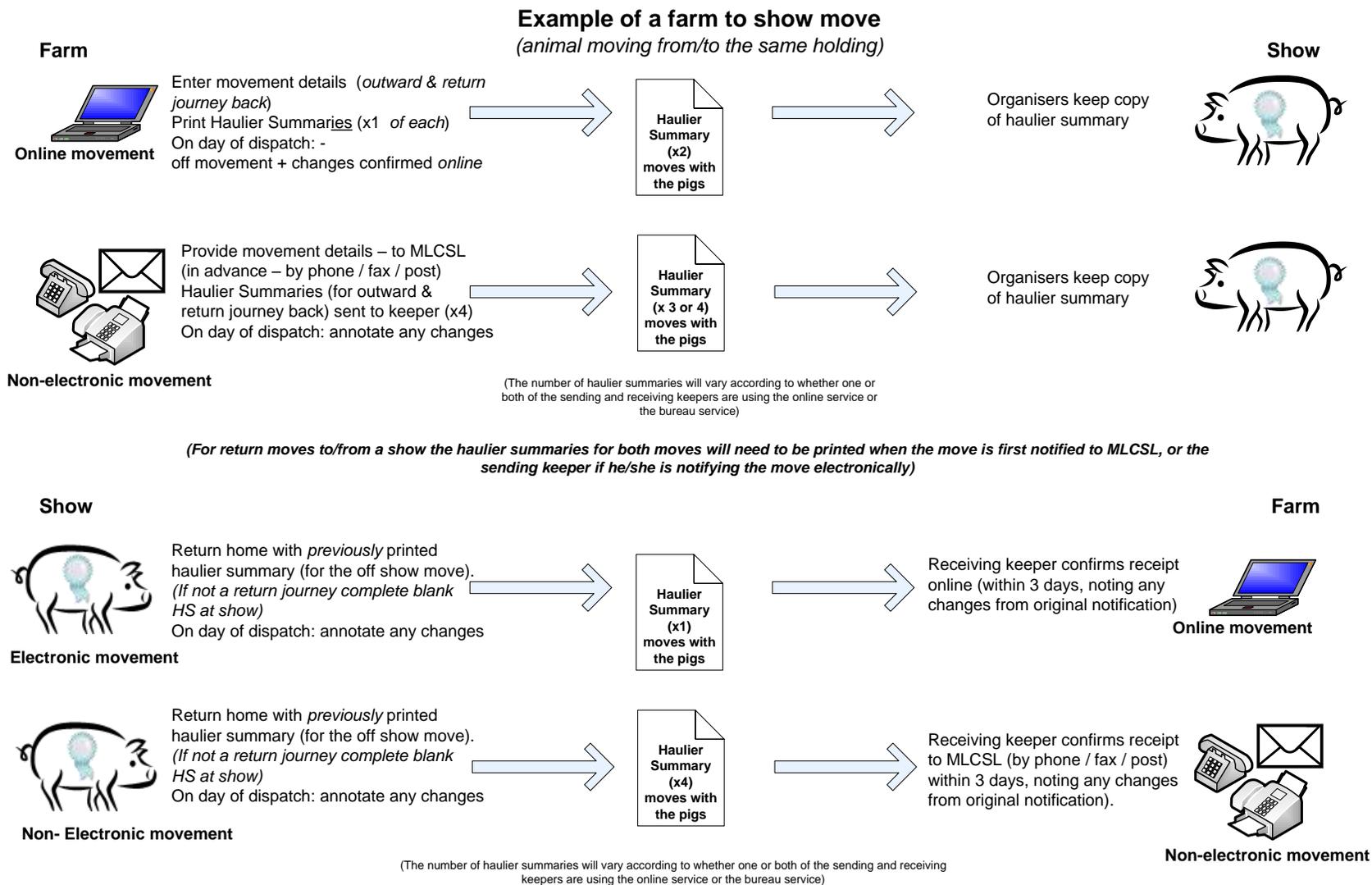
#### Examples of a farm to farm move.



#### Examples of a farm to abattoir move.



## Examples of a farm to show move



## Examples of a farm to market move and market to farm move

### Examples of a farm to market move.

 **Online movement**  
 Enter movement details  
 Print Haulier Summary (x1)  
 On day of dispatch: -  
 off movement + changes confirmed *online*



Haulier  
 Summary  
 (x1)  
 moves with  
 the pigs



Market confirms receipt online  
 (done on same day, noting any  
 changes from original notification)



**Online movement**

 **Non-electronic movement**  
 Keeper can complete a paper haulier  
 summary on the day (if not pre notifying)



Haulier  
 Summary  
 (x 3 or 4)  
 moves with  
 the pigs



Market confirms receipt online  
 (done on same day, noting any  
 changes from original notification)



**Non-electronic movement**

(For non electronic moves using the bureau service  
 haulier summary changes can also be sent by SMS text)

(The number of haulier summaries will vary according to whether one or  
 both of the sending and receiving keepers are using the online service or  
 the bureau service)

### Examples of a market to farm move.

 **Online movement**  
 Enter movement details  
 Print Haulier Summary (x1)



Haulier  
 Summary  
 (x1)  
 moves with  
 the pigs



Receiving keeper confirms receipt  
 online (within 3 days, noting any  
 changes from original notification)



**Online movement**

 **Online movement**  
 Enter movement details  
 Print Haulier Summary (x3)



Haulier  
 Summary  
 (x3)  
 moves with  
 the pigs



Receiving keeper confirms receipt  
 to MLC SL (by phone / fax / post)  
 within 3 days, noting any changes  
 from original notification). Retains  
 copy of haulier summary.

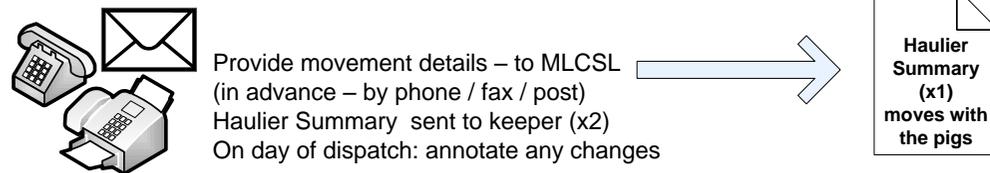
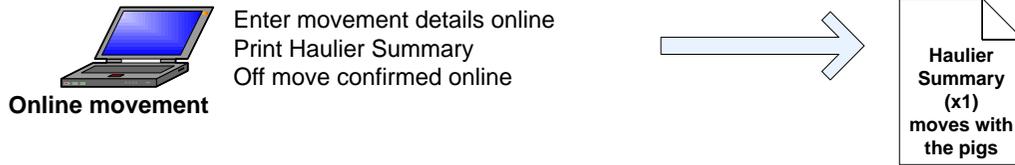


**Non-electronic movement**

(The number of haulier summaries will vary according to whether one or  
 both of the sending and receiving keepers are using the online service or  
 the bureau service)

## Examples of an export move and an import move

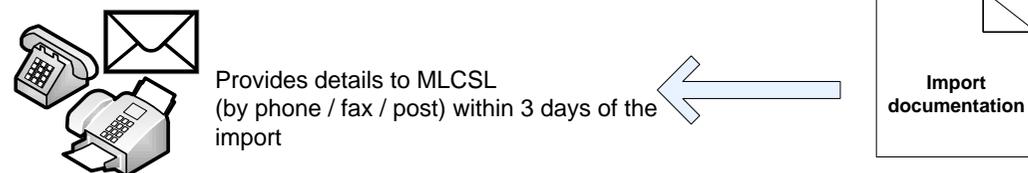
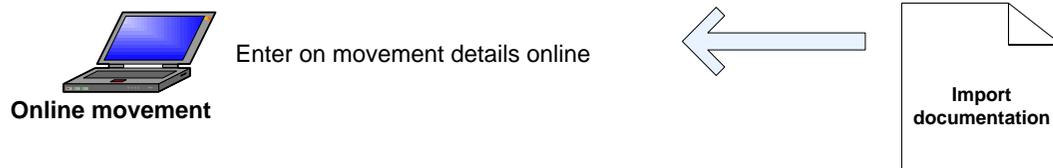
### Export



### Non-electronic movement

(For non electronic moves using the bureau service haulier summary changes can also be sent by SMS text)

### Import



### Non-electronic movement

## Annex 3 – Glossary of terms and definitions

AHVLA	Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency
AML2	Existing paper document to report a pig movement
BPA	British Pig Association
BPEX	British Pig Executive
CPH	County Parish Holding Number
eAML2	Electronic Animal Movement Licensing System
HAACP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points
HS/MD	Haulier Summary/Movement Document
IML	Individual Movement Licence
MLCSL	Meat and Livestock Commercial Services Limited
RPA	Rural Payments Agency
TSE	Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy

## **Annex 4 – Newly revised haulier summary movement document**

eAML2 documentation can currently be viewed at: [www.eaml2.org.uk/ami/helpline.eb](http://www.eaml2.org.uk/ami/helpline.eb)

In the near future the eAML2 haulier summary / movement documents will be hosted at: [www.eaml2.org.uk/ami/forms.eb](http://www.eaml2.org.uk/ami/forms.eb)