

## Swine Dysentery Producer Charter

### Swine Dysentery

- Swine Dysentery is one of the most economically damaging diseases a farm can experience.
- Infection with the bacterium *Brachyspira hyodysenteriae* causes severe inflammation of the large intestine with a bloody diarrhoea (dysentery).
- Disease can cost more than £10/pig finished when costs of permanent medication, mortality and non-marketable pigs are added to feed costs.
- Whether the disease is mild or severe there is still a risk of spread to uninfected pigs and other producers' pig units.
- The number of cases in East Anglia is increasing and is now at its highest level for many years. No cases were diagnosed by VLA Bury St Edmunds in 2004, but since 2005 the number of incidents has doubled each year.
- Producers and vets agree that tackling swine dysentery has become a priority in East Anglia.
- Producers have agreed there should be a charter on sharing information on where swine dysentery is and its control.
- BPEX is supporting a Producer Charter storing and giving controlled access to the data as agreed by producer members.
- BPEX will also support the efforts to control the disease with information on prevention, treatment and elimination of swine dysentery.

**Producers are encouraged to sign the charter and work co-operatively to get rid of swine dysentery and the costs associated with the disease.**

### Swine Dysentery Control Centre

- Record details of all confirmed SD cases.
- Gather key facts relating to outbreak including:
  - Farm location
  - Diagnosis
  - Destinations of any pig movements off the infected farm
- Record of farm being declared SD free after an outbreak.
- Circulate key information to all contacts nominated by the members of the Producer's Charter.
- Provide protocols/guidance on approaches to various SD-related issues.
- Provide advisory service to abattoirs, hauliers and feed companies and Knackermen on SD control procedures.



Please complete and return this form to BPEX by fax:

0247 647 8793

or email: sdcontrol@bpex.org.uk

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### Producer Charter

I am committed to helping control Swine Dysentery in East Anglia. To that extent I agree to the following:

- I agree to seek veterinary advice, including diagnostic testing, in the event of suspicion of Swine Dysentery.
- I agree that my veterinary surgeon will notify the Swine Dysentery Control Centre of all cases of a confirmed swine dysentery outbreak on my pig unit(s) without undue delay.
- I agree that my veterinary surgeon will provide the key information relevant to the outbreak to the BPEX Swine Dysentery Control Centre.
- I agree to take such reasonable precautions as may be agreed by the Swine Dysentery Producer Charter Group to limit the risk of spread of swine dysentery.
- I agree that the information on location, positive swine dysentery status, and pig movements over the relevant period can be shared with other members of the Producer Charter.

**EAST ANGLIA**

**Company:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**County:** .....

**Postcode:** .....

**Contact tel no:** .....

**Contact email:** .....

**Contact mobile no:** .....

**Vet name:** .....

**Vet tel no:** .....

**Name:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**Date:** .....