

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY DEPARTMENT**

No. VET (G) 91/2020/438

Dated Shillong, the 10th August 2023.

Subject: Revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for transportation of live pigs to Meghalaya/through Meghalaya

The Government of Meghalaya hereby notify Standard of Operating Procedure (SoP) for transportation of live pigs to Meghalaya/through Meghalaya, as under:

1. Transportation of live pigs may be allowed to Meghalaya and / or through Meghalaya by Truck as well as by Train from disease free States subjected to fulfillment of relevant provisions of the 'Transportation of Animals Rules 1978, Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and complying all bio-security measures as per National Action Plan (NAP)
2. The Intended party shall inform to the Officer-in-Charge of the Inter State Border Police Outpost and Inter-State Border Livestock Check Post at Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi district, Bajengdoba and Dainadubi, North Garo Hills District and Rattacherra in East Jaintia Hills District at least 72 hours before the entry of the vehicles carrying pig. A team of Veterinary Doctors will be deployed at Border Livestock Check Post for health checkup of pigs and verification of Health Certificate issued by competent authority in the origin State.
3. Each consignment of live pigs entering from outside the State must have recent Health Certificates (Schedule H) (not more than 07 days between testing and loading in wagons or trucks) issued by a competent authority (not below the rank of a registered Government Veterinary Officer) in the State of origin. The certificate must incorporate the followings:
 - Identification mark (tagging) of each individual animal
 - Breed Age, sex and individual health status of each of the animal.
 - Record of vaccination against classical swine fever and deworming
 - The transit pigs are originated from ASF free zone.
4. Each consignment of live pigs entering from outside the State must have a Valid Certificate under Rule 96 of Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules 2001, issued by the competent authority (not below the rank of Assistant Director, A.H. & Veterinary Department) of the State of origin. The certificate must incorporate the followings:
 - Start date of shipment
 - Source and destination point of animals
 - Purpose of transport.
 - Number of animals transported
 - Details of sender, transporter and recipient.
 - Details of issuing authority of health certificate.

5. Pigs carried by truck etc. shall undergo health checkup at Inter State Border Livestock Check Post located at Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi district, Bajengdoba and Dainadubi, North Garo Hills district, and Rattacherra in East Jaintia Hills to rule out African Swine Fever (ASF) infection and if required may be quarantined and samples may be collected for random testing (at least 2%) for ASF at NERDDI, Khanapara, Guwahati as and when Government of Meghalaya direct to do so. The expenses or quarantine and testing shall be borne by the transporter / supplier.
6. The A.H. & Veterinary Officer at Inter State Border Livestock Check Post shall verify both the certificates issued by competent authority in the origin State and countersign these certificates and also issue Health Certificates for transportation up to destination within Meghalaya State.
7. In case of death of pigs, transporter shall be informing to A.H. & Veterinary Officer for proper disposal and cost of disposal shall be borne by transporter.
8. In case of any animal found to be not fit then those animals will have to be quarantined and the resultant cost of maintenance of the quarantined animals will have to be borne by the supplier or the transporter.
9. The Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department, Government of Meghalaya will create a Control Room at the Directorate of A.H. & Veterinary at Lumdiengjri, Shillong to work in tandem with the officials deployed at the Inter State Border Livestock Check Posts.
10. The transit animals shall not be disembarked in any place for any purpose within Meghalaya. Individual accompanying animals should take all sanitary measures to maintain the same. No animal waste or animal carcass is thrown out of the truck along the transit route.
11. Record of each animal, animal transporter with license number, name of consignee, address of consignee is to be kept at each Inter-State Livestock check Post and is to be forwarded to the Director of A.H. & Veterinary Department, Shillong, Meghalaya, every month.
12. Each vehicle carrying consignment of live pigs will have to be sanitized at the inter-state border of Meghalaya before entry into and exit from Meghalaya (both up and down journey) so that disease does not spread to the other States from Meghalaya. The vehicle should be sanitized at cost of transporter /sender/consignee.
13. The transporter if fails to comply these SOP strictly during and pre and post transportation of live pigs through / to Meghalaya and information of such violation is brought to the notice of the competent authority, the permission granted for the purpose would be cancelled immediately and no further permission will be granted for transportation of pigs/ piglets until all the "*controlled areas*" within Meghalaya are declared "*free area*" under Section 6 (2) of the Prevention and control of Infectious and Contagious diseases in animals Act, 2009.

14. Movement of any vehicle carrying live pigs during night within Meghalaya shall not be permitted.
15. This SOP may be reviewed providing reasonable time after notification or any time in exigencies in order to combat ASF in Meghalaya.

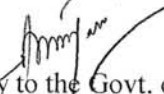
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Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
A.H. & Veterinary Department.

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Dated Shillong, the 10th August 2023.

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1. P.S to the Minister AH and Veterinary for kind information of Hon'ble Minister.
2. P.S to the Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya for kind information of the Secretary.
3. All the Deputy Commissioners, Meghalaya for kind information and necessary action.
4. All the Superintendent of Police, Meghalaya for kind information and necessary action.
5. The Director of AH and Veterinary, Meghalaya Shillong for kind information and necessary action.
6. All the District AH and Veterinary Officers, Meghalaya for kind information and necessary action.
7. The Senior System Analyst, NIC, Shillong, Meghalaya with a request to upload in the Government website.

By orders etc.,

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya,
A.H. & Veterinary Department
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