

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

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Subject: SOP FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE PIGS

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

1. Transportation of live pigs may be allowed to Meghalaya and / or through Meghalaya by truck from disease free states subjected to fulfilment of relevant provisions of the 'Transport 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. Transportation of Pigs may also be allowed to disease free areas of Meghalaya by truck on the same conditions as above.
3. The Intended party shall inform to the Officer-in-Charge of the Inter State Border Check Posts, Byrnihat, Bajengdoba, Ratacherra at least 72 hours before the entry of the live pig carrying vehicles. A team of Veterinarians in border Check Posts viz Byrnihat, Bajengdoba, Ratacherra will be deployed for this purpose.
4. Each consignment of live pigs entering from outside the State must have recent Health Certificate (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
5. A certificate under Rule 96 of Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules 2001 allowing transportation of the animals issued by the competent authority (not below the rank of Assistant Director and A.H & Veterinary Department) of the state of origin.
 - Start data 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
 - A.H. & Veterinary Officer at entry point into the State shall verify both the certificates carried by each consignment of pigs and countersign.
6. Pigs carried by truck etc. shall be inspected at inter State Border Check Post situated at Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi District, Bajengdoba North Garo Hills, Ratacherra in East Jaintia Hills to rule out 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 and when Government of Meghalaya direct to do so. The expenses or quarantine and testing shall be borne by the transporter / supplier. In case death of pigs, transporter shall inform to A.H. & Veterinary Officer for proper disposal.
 7. The Government in Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Shillong , Meghalaya and will notify a Cell at the Directorate of A.H & Veterinary at Lumdiengjri ,Shillong, for having a joint control room with personnel from Home, Transport and A.H & Veterinary who will facilitate transportation of live pigs to and through Meghalaya The Joint Control Room will work in tandem with the officials deployed at the inter State Border Veterinary Check Posts.
 9. 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 or the transporter or the recipient whichever is applicable.
 10. In addition to above, the following measures are also to be complied with:
 - a) Respective State Government of the source of live animal should be intimated in writing by the party concerned and the said State Government should inform the Government of Meghalaya that consignment of ASF free live pigs are to be transported through/ to Meghalaya.
 - b) The transit animals shall not be disembarked in any place for any purpose within Meghalaya.
 - c) Individual accompanying animals including driver should take all sanitary measures.
 - d) 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 check post and is to be forwarded to the Director of A.H & Veterinary Department, Shillong Meghalaya.

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 will 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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