

**SOP FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE PIGS TO  
NORTH EASTERN STATES THROUGH ASSAM**  
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These Standard Operating Procedures for transportation of live pigs through and to Assam is prepared in view of the partial ban imposed by the Government of Assam on transportation of live pigs to the state of Assam and also in view of the present situation arising out of the presence of African Swine Fever (ASF) virus in swine samples of different states of the country and to prevent and control the scheduled disease in the state of Assam.

1. Transportation of live pigs may be allowed through Assam by rail as well as by road from disease free states to neighbouring North Eastern States (excluding Assam) subject to fulfillment 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. The intended party shall inform to the Officer- in- Charge of the respective Police Station at the Inter State Border at Srirampur in Kokrajhar district and Boxirhat in Dhubri district at least 72 hours prior to entry of the live pigs carrying vehicles.
3. Veterinarians may be deputed for health check up and treatment of diseases at the entry points viz. Boxirhat and Srirampur as and when required provided their services is sought by the Police authority having jurisdiction.
4. Each consignment of live pigs must have recent Health Certificate (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). The certificate must incorporate the followings:
  - o Identification mark(tagging) of each individual animal.
  - o Breed, Age, sex and individual health status of each of the animals.
  - o Record of vaccination against classical swine fever and deworming.
  - o The transit pigs are originated from ASF free zone.
5. A Transit certificate under Rule 96 of Transport of Animals Rules, 1978 allowing transportation of the animals issued by the competent authority (not below the rank of Assistant Director of A.H. & Veterinary Department of the state having jurisdiction of the place of animal origin) must accompany each consignment from the state/ district of origin indicating
  - o Start date of shipment
  - o Source and destination point of animals
  - o Purpose of transport
  - o Number of animals transported
  - o Details of sender, transporter and recipient
  - o Details of issuing authority of health certificate
6. Based on Sl 4& 5 above, the competent authority in the origin of transit of live pigs will scrutinize and certify accordingly.
7. Animals carried by truck etc. will be checked at the entry points at Srirampur in Kokrajhar and Boxirhat in Dhubri district by police personnel and if required may be quarantined with the assistance of veterinarians. Blood samples may be collected for random testing for ASF at designated laboratory, as and when the Government of Assam directs to do so. The expenses for quarantine and testing shall be borne by the transporter/supplier.
8. In case of any pig found to be not fit then the pig 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 recipient whichever is applicable.

9. In addition to above, the following measures are also to be complied with.

- 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 Assam that consignment of ASF free live pigs are to be transported through Assam.
  - The transit animals shall not be disembarked in any place for any purpose within Assam.
  - The trains do not have any stop over points within Assam unless it is of utmost necessity. Individual accompanying animals including dress should take all sanitary measures.
  - No animal waste or animal carcass is thrown out of the train/truck along the transit route.
  - Local A.H. & Veterinary authority may verify the consignment. In case of death of pigs, the transporter will have to inform the local A.H. & Veterinary officials for proper disposal of carcass.
10. Record of each animal, animal transporter with license number, name of consignee, address of consignee is to be kept at the respective police station at the entry point of the state and is to be forwarded to the Director, of A. H. & Veterinary Department, Assam, Guwahati-3.
11. Each vehicle carrying consignment of live pigs will have to be sanitized at the inter-state border of Assam before entry into and exit from Assam (both up and down journey) so that disease does not spread to the other states from Assam. The vehicle should be sanitized at the cost of transporter/sender/consignee.
12. Similarly, each wagon carrying consignment of live pigs will have to be sanitized before entry into and exit from Assam at their own cost (both up and down journey) so that ASF does not spread to any part of the country.
13. The transporter/ if fails to comply these SOP strictly during and pre and post transportation of live pigs through Assam 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 as mentioned 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 hours within the state of Assam will not be permitted.
15. The intra-district and inter-district transportation of live pigs are allowed in the state of Assam in the interest of local pig farmers subject to strict adherence to all the bio-security measures and terms and conditions laid down in the Government of Assam notifications issued from time to time in respect of control and containment of African Swine Fever (ASF).
16. This SOP may be reviewed by the Department as and when required in order to combat ASF in Assam.

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