IMPORTANT CHANGES TO YOUR RED TRACTOR PIG MEMBERSHIP

Red Tractor pig producers will be required to use the industry e-MB to record the total collated antibiotics they administer to their herds.

To ensure that you, as a Red Tractor member, remain compliant, please read the information below carefully.

The e-MB is a website platform developed by AHDB Pork to record collated data on antibiotic usage in the pig sector.

What do you need to do?

By 11th November 2017, to ensure compliance with the Red Tractor Scheme, you must have uploaded your total antibiotic usage onto the e-MB for the following quarters:

Quarter 2: 1 April – 30 June 2017
Quarter 3: 1 July – 30 September 2017

From then onwards, as a Red Tractor pig producer, you must demonstrate at assessment that you upload collated antibiotic data onto the e-MB on an ongoing quarterly basis, and in a timely fashion. Each quarter's data must be uploaded within 6 weeks from the last day of the quarter.

NB: Red Tractor is **not** requiring farmers to use the e-MB as an everyday medicine book. You can still continue to use your existing method of recording administered medicine and purchases to demonstrate compliance with the Red Tractor standard.

How to use the e-MB?

The e-MB is available for producers to use immediately. More information in the form of videos and a quick guide is available via the AHDB Pork website and AHDB regional teams can assist producers wishing to upload usage. All NPA members and readers of Pig World should have received a user guide in the post, these are free to access for all Red Tractor pig producers. Should you like a copy please email pighub@ahdb.org.uk

Why is this important?

The agricultural industry has been challenged to reduce their usage of antibiotics by 2018, with each livestock sector required to set specific reduction targets by 2017.

In order to supply the Government's Veterinary Medicines Directive (VMD) with an accurate usage figure for pigs, AHDB Pork launched the electronic medicines book (e-MB) in April 2016.

NPA chief executive Zoe Davies says: "This is a very important step forward for the pig industry. Collection and collation of on-farm antibiotic usage data is a key commitment of the NPA's Antibiotic Stewardship programme.

"We are proud of how the pig industry is stepping up to the challenge and taking this big leap forward to demonstrate responsible use of antibiotics and reduce and refine usage where necessary."

Contact us: memberhelp@redtractor.org.uk or call 02036173670

Deadlines for uploading antibiotic data onto the e-MB:

YEAR	QUARTERS	QUARTER END DATES	DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING DATA	NOTES
2017	Q1	31-Mar-17	not required by RT	Not required by RT, but producers are encouraged to submit all data anyway
2017	Q2	30-Jun-17	11-Nov-17	Not required by RT until 11 November 2017, but early submission is encouraged
2017	Q3	30-Sep-17	11-Nov-17	From 11 November 2017, missing deadlines will result in a non-conformance to this key standard
2017	Q4	31-Dec-17	11-Feb-18	
2018	Q1	31-Mar-18	12-May-18	
2018	Q2	30-Jun-18	11-Aug-18	
2018	Q3	30-Sep-18	11-Nov-18	
2018	Q4	31-Dec-18	11-Feb-19	
2019	Q1	31-Mar-19	12-May-19	
2019	Q2	30-Jun-19	11-Aug-19	
2019	Q3	30-Sep-19	11-Nov-19	
2019	Q4	31-Dec-19	11-Feb-20	
2020	Q1	31-Mar-20	12-May-20	
2020	Q2	30-Jun-20	11-Aug-20	
2020	Q3	30-Sep-20	11-Nov-20	