

AHDB Swine Dysentery Scheme

(Reference DMA 006/2015¹)

The Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) is the organisation that helps to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of various agriculture and horticulture sectors in the United Kingdom. AHDB Pork has responsibility for achieving this in relation to pigs in England.

AHDB Pork has launched a Pig Industry Disease Charter that, along with its members, aims to:

1. Raise awareness of the threat of new and existing diseases;
2. Quickly report any outbreaks (suspicious or confirmed depending on disease);
3. Disseminate vital information out to Charter members; and
4. Promote working together to control and reduce the spread of such diseases for the benefit of pig producers.

To support points 2 and 4 of the Charter in relation to swine dysentery, this AHDB Swine Dysentery Scheme will make payments that will enable the testing of a representative number of samples in relation to pig holdings in England that:

- suspect an outbreak of swine dysentery, or
- are in the proximity of a confirmed outbreak of swine dysentery.

The maximum payment for testing in relation to any holding will be £250 in any consecutive 6 week period, and the payment will be made directly to the testing laboratory.

The AHDB Swine Dysentery Scheme will not provide support in relation to any other disease.

If your veterinarian suspects PEDv, please visit the [AHDB Pork Health and Welfare](#) pages for alternative support.

This scheme will run from 1 December 2015 until 31 March 2016, and will be limited to a maximum total payment of £20,000.

AHDB Pork reserves the right to:

- amend the total funding available under this scheme.
- discontinue or postpone the scheme at any time without notice.

**An application form is annexed to enable you as a pig producer in England to apply to participate in this scheme.
The form must be received not later than 30 March, 2016.**

¹ This document is available at <http://www.ahdb.org.uk/procurement/>.

Legal Matters

The award of a grant under this AHDB Swine Dysentery Scheme will constitute 'State aid'. The aid will be provided as agricultural *de minimis* aid under Commission Regulation (EU) 1408/2013², which prohibits any undertaking from receiving more than €15,000 of agricultural *de minimis* aid over a rolling three year period. Any agricultural *de minimis* aid granted over the €15,000 limit may be subject to repayment with interest.

AHDB must check whether an award under this scheme will breach that limit. The application form therefore requires you to inform AHDB if you have received any agricultural *de minimis* aid over the last three years (from any source). You would have been told that the aid was *de minimis* aid granted under Regulation (EU) 1408/2013 or Regulation (EC) 1535/2007. No other type of funding counts towards this maximum.

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs ('Defra') requires AHDB to record and provide Defra with the identity of recipients of agricultural *de minimis* aid, together with the amounts granted and date(s) of grant. The data may be provided to any organisation granting *de minimis* aid and will be passed to UK or Union authorities on request. AHDB and Defra may be required to release information, including personal data and commercial information, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

² Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to *de minimis* aid in the agriculture sector; OJ L352, 24 December 2013, p.9. An electronic copy will be provided on request.

**AHDB Swine Dysentery Scheme
Application Form**

To apply to participate in this scheme, please complete and send this form to:

**AHDB (Swine Dysentery Scheme)
Stoneleigh Park, Kenilworth, Warwickshire CV8 2TL**

Name of Applicant:

Name of Business:

Business Address:

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..... Post Code:

Telephone:

Mobile phone:

E-Mail:

I am interested in participating in the AHDB Swine Dysentery Scheme. Please contact me to discuss this.

My business is a farm that produces pigs in England.

I understand that AHDB will maintain records of any aid granted to me under the scheme and will provide this information and relevant information about my business including personal data if required to do so by British or Union authorities or for the proper management and operation of this scheme and the associated research scheme.

Declaration:

In my current fiscal year and the previous two fiscal years:

* I have not received any agricultural *de minimis* aid³

* I received a total of £ of agricultural *de minimis* aid

(* delete/complete as appropriate)

I will inform AHDB of any future grant of agricultural *de minimis* aid that I may receive from any source prior to AHDB making any grant under this scheme

Signed Date:, 201...

Position in the business:

³ The only funding that you need to include when you are making this declaration is *de minimis* aid provided under Regulation (EU) 1408/2013 or Regulation (EC) 1535/2007. It may or may not have been described as agricultural *de minimis* aid.

AHDB and the relevant UK and EU authorities reserve the right to examine the recipient's records to ensure the accuracy of this declaration.