

# PIG GRADING REGULATIONS

under s. 9

G.N. 124/1971

130/1973

114/1985

39/2003

## 1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Pig Grading Regulations.

## 2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“dead weight” means cold dressed weight as determined in accordance with regulation 3;

“slaughter-house” means a slaughter-house licensed to operate for the slaughtering, processing and storage of livestock in an area prescribed by the Minister under subsection (1) of section 4 of the Act.

## 3. Cold dressed weight

The cold dressed weight of a pig carcass shall be determined by weighing the carcass within one hour of slaughter and by deducting three per centum to the nearest kilogram from the weight so obtained. G.N. 114/1985

#### 4. Classification and grading

The carcasses of all pigs which are liable to be graded in terms of the Act in consequence of the pigs having been slaughtered for sale or export in any form whatsoever shall be classified and graded at a slaughter-house by a Government grader in accordance with the provisions of the First Schedule and roller-marked in accordance with the provisions of the Second Schedule: G.N. 39/2003

Provided that—

- (a) the carcass of a pig slaughtered for export need not be roller-marked; and
- (b) internal cuts of meat shall not be so marked.

#### 5. Regrading of carcass

A Government grader may regrade a carcass if—

- (a) there is brought to his notice a defect caused by—
  - (i) soft and oily fat; or
  - (ii) fishy flavour or other taint which was not apparent when the carcass was graded; or
- (b) the pig was slaughtered as a casualty; or
- (c) in the opinion of the persons nominated by the Secretary,

in terms of regulation 8 paragraph (4) of the Meat Marketing Regulations, the original grading was inaccurate. Cap. 67:02, sub. leg. p. 8

#### 6. Interference with graded carcass

No person other than the consumer shall remove the skin of a pig carcass graded in terms of regulation 4 or interfere in any way with the marking thereon.

#### 7. Returns

A Government grader shall, in respect of every pig carcass graded by him in terms of regulation 4, furnish to the manager of the slaughter-house in which the pig was slaughtered a return, in duplicate, in the form prescribed in the Third Schedule. One copy of such a return shall be forwarded by the manager of the slaughter-house to the seller when payment is made and one copy shall be retained by the manager of the slaughter-house.

## 8. Appeals

Any person whose pig carcass has been classified and graded in terms of regulation 4 and who is dissatisfied with the decision of the Government grader in regard to the classification or grading of such carcass shall be entitled to appeal from such decision in the manner prescribed in regulation 8 of the Meat Marketing Regulations. The whole of regulation 8 of the Meat Marketing Regulations shall be deemed to apply to the procedure for appeals in respect of classification and grading of pig carcasses.

## 9. Records

The Manager of any slaughter-house permitted to slaughter pigs shall—

- (a) institute a system of serial numbers;
- (b) clearly mark the pig carcass with the appropriate serial number before it is graded by a Government grader;
- (c) keep a record of a serial number marked on such pig carcass; and
- (d) furnish a return to the Government grader showing, in respect of such pig carcass, the serial number marked thereon, and dead weight thereof and the name of the seller.

FIRST SCHEDULE reg. 4, G.N. 114/1985, 39/2003

### CLASSES AND GRADES OF PIG CARCASSES

1. A pig carcass which weighs—

- (a) less than 25 kilograms shall be classified as an underweight pig;
- (b) not less than 25 kilograms and not more than 45 kilograms shall be classified as a Porker;
- (c) more than 45 kilograms and not more than 55 kilograms shall be classified as a Cutter;
- (d) more than 55 kilograms but not more than 70 kilograms shall be classified as a Baconer;
- (e) more than 72 kilograms but not more than 85 kilograms shall be classified as an Overweight Pig if suitable for curing into bacon;
- (f) more than 85 kilograms derived from a sow or castrated pig and unsuitable for curing into bacon shall be classified as a Sow or Other Pig;
- (g) any weight and derived from a boar shall be classified as a Boar;
- (h) any weight and not suitable for inclusion in any of the above grades shall be classified as an Inferior.

2. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, an Underweight Pig carcass shall be any carcass from a female or castrated male and shall be graded as an Underweight Pig on the Government grader's assessment of the general appearance and quality of the carcass in accordance with the following standard—Carcass well fleshed, hams well fleshed, back fat neither excessive nor deficient; fat reasonably white and firm; skin thin and smooth. Skin pigmentation may be present if it is so faint that it does not detract from value of carcass. Good all-round suitability for pork or manufacture.

3. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4, a Porker or Cutter shall be graded as follows—

GRADE A. Carcass very well fleshed; side long; good depth of loin; shoulder, head and collar light; hams broad and well fleshed; back fat neither excessive nor deficient; fat reasonably white and firm; suitable fat covering over breastbone; fine bone with well-sprung ribs; skin thin and smooth. Skin pigmentation may be present if it is so faint that it does not detract from value of carcass. Excellent all-round suitability for pork. GRADE B. Of good all-round suitability for pork but lacking Grade A standard as defined above. GRADE X. Below standard of Grade A or B on account of excessive fatness or under finish.

4. A Porker or Cutter shall be graded X if—

- (a) it has a faulty conformation;
- (b) the carcass has a fishy flavour or other taint; or
- (c) it was before slaughter—
  - (i) a male pig not castrated within twelve weeks of birth; or
  - (ii) a pig suffering from disease or injury rendering it unsuitable for the fresh pork trade.

5. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule a Baconer shall be graded as follows— G.N. 114/1985

Maximum mid back	Fat measurement	shoulder	Rump	Minimum fat measurement	mid back
GRADE A	0.04 m	0.06 m	0.04 m	0.05 m	0.05 m
GRADE B	0.04 m	0.06 m	0.04 m	0.05 m	0.05 m
GRADE C	0.05 m	0.07 m	0.05 m	0.05 m	0.05 m

GRADE X. Carcass which cannot be graded as A, B or C because it is overfat or unfinished but otherwise suitable for manufacture of bacon.

6. A Baconer shall be graded as X if—

- (a) in the opinion of the Government grader it is unsuitable for the manufacture of bacon on account of—
  - (i) faulty conformation; or
  - (ii) softness or oiliness;
- (b) it was before slaughter—

- (i) a male pig which had not been castrated within twelve weeks after birth;
  - (ii) a rig pig of which the carcass is unsuitable for the manufacture of bacon;
  - (iii) a sow;
  - (iv) a gilt which has reached a stage of pregnancy which renders the carcass unsuitable for the manufacture of bacon; or
  - (v) a pig suffering from disease or injury rendering the carcass unsuitable for the manufacture of bacon; or
- (c) the carcass has a fishy flavour or taint.

7. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule an overweight pig shall conform to the following measurements— G.N. 114/1985

Maximum mid backFat measurement shoulderRumpMinimum fat measurement mid back	GRADE A	0.05 m	0.07 m	0.05 m	0.05 m	GRADE B	Carcass below standard of Grade A above on account of excessive fatness or under finish and suitable for curing into bacon or manufacture.
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8. For the purpose of determining the fat measurements of a Baconer or an Overweight Pig—

- (a) the measurements shall be taken with a gauge;
- (b) the mid back measurement shall be taken at the middle of the back where the fat is thinnest;
- (c) the shoulder measurement shall be taken at the fattest part of the shoulder; and
- (d) the rump measurement shall be taken at the middle of the rump muscle.

9. A Baconer shall be graded according to the highest grade applicable to its measurement.

10. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule a Sow or Other Pig shall be graded as follows—

GRADE STANDARD—Any carcass from a sow or castrated pig or suitable quality for manufacturing purposes shall be graded Standard on the Government grader's assessment of the general appearance and quality of the carcass.

GRADE X—Any carcass from a sow or castrated pig falling below the Standard grade as defined above, but not falling into the Inferior class.

11. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule a Boar shall be graded as follows—

GRADE STANDARD—Any carcass from an uncastrated pig of suitable quality for manufacturing purposes shall be graded Standard on the Government grader's assessment of the general appearance and quality of the carcass.

GRADE X—Any carcass from an uncastrated pig below the quality of Standard grade as defined above, but not falling into the Inferior class.

12. Subject to the provisions of this Schedule any carcase of any weight from a female, castrated or uncastrated pig, which is either too emaciated or too fat to fall into any of the classes and grades shall be classified as Inferior.

13. Any reference in the Schedule to the weight of a pig carcass shall be construed as a reference to the cold dressed weight of that carcass.

SECOND SCHEDULE reg. 4

ROLLER-MARKING FOR PIG CARCASSES G.N. 39/2004

Class and Grade	Roller-mark	Underweight Pig	1Porker—	Grade A 1	Grade B2	Grade	
X3Cutter—	Grade A 1	Grade B2	Grade X 3	Baconer—	Grade A1	Grade	B2
	Grade C 3	Grade X 4	Overweight Pig—	Grade AA	OWT	Grade	BBOWTSow or Other
Pig—	Grade StandardS1	Grade XS2	Boar—	Grade Standard	B1	Grade XB2	Inferior
PigX							

THIRD SCHEDULE reg. 7, G.N. 114/1985

PIG CARCASS GRADING RETURNS

Name of Producer .....Registered No. of Producer .....Address  
 .....Number of Pigs  
 .....Slaughtered at  
 .....Slaughtered at  
 .....Date of  
 Slaughter.....Factory Lot No.  
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Factory Serial No.Ear No.Cold Dressed WeightClassBack Fat GradesPayment GradeRemarksPrice per  
 kgKtRumpMid BackShoulderTOTAL

Deductions: .....

Abbreviations—“Class Column”B = Baconer S = Sow and OtherU/P = Underweight PigO/P = Overweight  
 PigBO = Boar C = Cutter P = Porker I = Inferior

Date ....., 19.....

Signature of Government Grader .....

This signature relates to grading details only