

How various initiatives compare to CIWF criteria for higher animal welfare: Sows and Meat pigs																		
Assurance Scheme	Logo	Country	SOWS							MEAT PIGS								
			Do sows have enough space?	Are dry sows housed in groups?	Do sows farrow freely?	Do farrowing sows have access to materials appropriate for nesting?	Are sows provided with bedding when group housed?	Are sows provided with adequate manipulable material?	Do sows have access to an outdoor range?	Does this AW initiative meet CIWF higher AW criteria?	Do meat pigs have enough space?	Is tail docking forbidden?	Is teeth clipping/gridding forbidden?	Is surgical castration forbidden?	Are meat pigs provided with adequate bedding material?	Are meat pigs provided with adequate manipulable material?	Do meat pigs have access to an outdoor range?	Does this AW initiative meet CIWF higher AW criteria?
CIWF - Food business - better level of animal welfare		Global	YES - Sow and gilts given general activity (allometric) space allowance in group housing (e.g. 2 m ² /150kg sow)	YES - Group housing throughout gestation	YES - Free farrowing exclusively	YES - From 24 hours prior to farrowing	YES - Loose bedding material provided throughout life	YES - Manipulable material (edible, chewable, destructible and investigable fibrous material) provided throughout life	NO - Not required, but strongly recommended	YES	YES - Meat pigs given general activity (allometric) space allowance (e.g. 1.5 m ² /100 kg pig)	YES - No mutilations routinely - Mutilations maybe conducted in an emergency situation only and act by standard written derogation	YES - No mutilations routinely - Mutilations maybe conducted in an emergency situation only and act by standard written derogation	YES - No mutilations routinely - Mutilations maybe conducted in an emergency situation only and act by standard written derogation	YES - Loose bedding material provided throughout life	YES - Manipulable material (edible, chewable, destructible and investigable fibrous material) provided throughout life	NO - Not required, but strongly recommended	YES
GlobalGAP Animal Welfare Add-on		Global	Only Meat pigs							NO (0.8m ² /100kg pig)	MAYBE - 15 cm tail recommended	Not specified	Just as recommendation	NO - only recommendation and rubber mats are approved	MAYBE (major must)	NO	NO	
Demeter (Bio- Dynamic Research Institute)		Global	YES	YES	MAYBE - Contained up to 14 days after farrowing	YES	YES	Not specified	YES	MAYBE	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
RSPCA Approved Indoor		Australia	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
RSPCA Approved Outdoor		Australia	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Australian Certified Organic		Australia	YES	YES	YES	UNCLEAR	YES	YES	YES	YES	UNCLEAR	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Humane Choice		Australia	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
APIQ - certified indoors		Australia	NO (0.66m ² /100kg pig)	UNCLEAR	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO (0.66m ² /100kg pig)	NO - Anaesthesia only required when performed after 21 days	MAYBE - Only when deemed necessary by the vet	NO - Anaesthesia only required when performed after 21 days	NO	NO	NO	NO
APIQ - certified free range		Australia	NO (0.69m ² /100kg pig)	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE	NO (0.69m ² /100kg pig)	NO - Anaesthesia only required when performed after 21 days	MAYBE - Only when deemed necessary by the vet	NO - Anaesthesia only required when performed after 21 days	YES	YES	YES	NO
APIQ - certified outdoor bred and eco-barn raised		Australia	NO (0.69m ² /100kg pig)	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE	NO (0.69m ² /100kg pig)	NO - Anaesthesia only required when performed after 21 days	MAYBE - Only when deemed necessary by the vet	NO - Anaesthesia only required when performed after 21 days	YES	YES	YES	NO
EU organic legislation		EU	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE - May be authorised by the competent authority for reasons of safety or if they are intended to improve the health, welfare or hygiene of the livestock on a case-by-case basis. Pain relief is mandatory	MAYBE - May be authorised by the competent authority for reasons of safety or if they are intended to improve the health, welfare or hygiene of the livestock on a case-by-case basis. Pain relief is mandatory	NO - Physical castration is allowed in order to maintain the quality of products and traditional production Pain relief is mandatory	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Soil Association		UK	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Organic Farmers and Growers		UK	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE - May be authorised by the competent authority for reasons of safety or if they are intended to improve the health, welfare or hygiene of the livestock on a case-by-case basis. Pain relief is mandatory	MAYBE - May be authorised by the competent authority for reasons of safety or if they are intended to improve the health, welfare or hygiene of the livestock on a case-by-case basis. Pain relief is mandatory	MAYBE - The castration of pigs is not permitted. Approval may be given in exceptional cases on a case by case basis if there are sound welfare reasons and following veterinary advice	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Bedre Dyrevelfærd - 1 heart		Denmark	NO (0.65 m ² /100kg pig)	YES	MAYBE - Allowed up to 4 days in crates	YES	YES	YES	NO	MAYBE	NO (0.65 m ² /100kg pig)	YES	Not specified	Not specified	NO	YES	NO	MAYBE
Bedre Dyrevelfærd - 2 hearts		Denmark	NO (0.84 m ² /100kg pig)	YES	MAYBE - Allowed up to 2 days in crates	YES	YES	YES	NO	MAYBE	NO (0.84 m ² /100kg pig)	YES	Not specified	Not specified	NO	YES	NO	MAYBE
Bedre Dyrevelfærd - 3 hearts		Denmark	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Not specified	Not specified	YES	YES	YES	YES
Label Rouge		France	YES (only Label rouge fermier)	MAYBE - as per EU legislation	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	YES (Only Label rouge fermier)	NO	YES (Only Label rouge fermier)	YES (Recommended for not to be regular)	YES (Recommended for not to be regular)	NO	YES (Only Label rouge fermier)	YES (Only Label rouge fermier)	YES (Only Label rouge fermier - at 17 weeks the latest)	NO
Neuland		Germany	YES	YES	MAYBE - Allowed up to 10 days closed	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Tierschutz 1 Star		Germany	Only for meat pigs							NO (max 1.1 m ² /pig)	YES	Not specified	NO - General Anaesthesia mandatory	NO	NO	NO	NO	
Tierschutz Premium		Germany	Only for meat pigs							YES	YES	Not specified	NO - General Anaesthesia mandatory	NO	YES	NO	MAYBE	
Initiative Tierwohl (QS- extra optional criteria)		Germany	MAYBE (maximum 2.475 m ² /sow)	MAYBE (as per EU legislation)	NO	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	MAYBE - Edible materials are recommended, but organic rubber is also allowed	NO	NO	NO (10% more space than EU legislation - maximum 1.1 m ² /pig)	Not specified	Not specified	NO - castration without anaesthesia is permitted on pigs up to 7 days of age	UNCLEAR	MAYBE - Edible materials are recommended, but organic rubber is also allowed	NO	NO
Initiative Tierwohl (QS- basic criteria)		Germany	MAYBE (maximum 2.7m ² /sow)	MAYBE (as per EU legislation)	MAYBE - Up to 6 days in crates	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	YES	NO	NO	MAYBE (20% more space than EU legislation - maximum 1.2 m ² /pig)	Not specified	Not specified	NO - castration without anaesthesia is permitted on pigs up to 7 days of age	UNCLEAR	YES	NO	NO
Interporc TIPO 1		Spain	MAYBE (at maximum range 2.25 - 3.5 m ² /sow)	MAYBE (as per EU legislation)	NO	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	NO	NO	NO	NO (0.2 - 0.65m ² /pig)	NO	NO	NO	NO	MAYBE	NO	NO
Interporc TIPO 2		Spain	MAYBE (2.5 - 5.5 m ² /sow)	YES	MAYBE - Up to 5 days in crates	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	YES	NO	NO	NO (0.4-1m ² /pig)	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
Interporc TIPO 3		Spain	YES (2.5+1.9 > 5.5 m ²)	YES	MAYBE - From day 1 - Not a clear prohibition of crates	UNCLEAR	UNCLEAR	YES	YES	MAYBE	YES (0.6+0.4-1.3+1 m ² /pig)	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
KRAV		Sweden	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO - Anaesthesia mandatory	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Beter Leven (1*)		The Netherlands	NO (2.25m ² /sow)	YES (up to 4 days in stalls allowed)	NO	UNCLEAR	NO	UNCLEAR	NO	NO	NO (1m ² /pig)	NO	UNCLEAR	YES	MAYBE	MAYBE	NO	NO
Beter Leven (2*) - free range		The Netherlands	MAYBE (2.5m ² /sow)	YES (up to 4 days in stalls allowed)	MAYBE - Allowed up to 5 days in crates	YES	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE	MAYBE (1.1m ² /pig)	YES	UNCLEAR	NO - Anaesthesia mandatory	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Beter Leven (3*) / SKAL		The Netherlands	MAYBE (2.5m ² /sow)	YES	MAYBE - Allowed up to 3 days in crates	YES	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE	MAYBE (1.3m ² /pig)	YES	UNCLEAR	NO - Anaesthesia mandatory	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
Milieukeur (mandatory)		The Netherlands	NO (0.52m ² /pig)	MAYBE (as per EU legislation)	NO	MAYBE - Jute is the main material provided	Not specified	MAYBE - Ropes and chains are considered enrichment	NO	NO	NO (0.52m ² /pig)	NO	YES	YES	Not specified	MAYBE - ropes and chains are considered enrichment	NO	NO
Milieukeur (welfare options)		The Netherlands	MAYBE (2.5m ² /sow)	MAYBE (extra points provided for group housing)	NO	MAYBE - Jute is the main material provided	Not specified	MAYBE - Ropes and chains are considered enrichment	MAYBE - Extra points for outdoor access	MAYBE	NO (1m ² /pig)	NO - bonus points for not docking	YES	YES	Not specified	MAYBE - ropes and chains are considered enrichment	MAYBE - extra points for outdoor access	NO
RSPCA Assured		UK	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES - If free range	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES - If free range	YES
Red Tractor		UK	NO (2.25m ² /sow and 1.64m ² /pig)	YES	NO	MAYBE - Not applicable where slurry system does not permit	MAYBE - Not applicable where slurry system does not permit	MAYBE - Objects such as footballs and deformable-plastic pipe may be considered suitable	NO - Recommendations are provided	NO	NO (0.62 m ² /pig)	MAYBE - These practices can only be carried out as a last resort where vet advice has been given	MAYBE - These practices can only be carried out as a last resort where vet advice has been given	YES	MAYBE - Not applicable where slurry system does not permit	MAYBE - Objects such as footballs and deformable-plastic pipe may be considered suitable	NO - Recommendations are provided	NO
American Humane Association		USA	NO (1.85 m ² /sow)	YES (up to 10 days after fertilization)	NO	NO - Only if the system allows it	NO - Only if the system allows it	NO - Strongly recommended	NO	NO	NO (0.75 m ² /100kg pig)	NO - Should not be routinely practiced	NO - Should not be routinely practiced	NO - Allowed without anaesthesia up to 7 days	NO	NO - Strongly recommended	NO	NO
Certified Humane		USA	MAYBE (3.4m ² /sow)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO (0.75 m ² /100kg pig)	NO - Should not be routinely practiced	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
Animal Welfare Approved		USA	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	MAYBE
GAP - Sstep®		USA	YES (From Step 1)	YES (From Step 1)	YES (From Step 1)	YES (From Step 1)	YES (From Step 1)	MAYBE (From step 2). Sisal ropes considered enrichment	YES (From step 3)	YES	YES (From Step 1)	YES (From Step 1)	YES (From Step 1)	NO (Only in steps 5 and 54) Anaesthesia recommended on the other steps	YES (From Step 1)	MAYBE (From step 2). Sisal ropes considered enrichment	YES (From step 3)	NO

Disclaimer: These standards were correct at the date of publishing (April 2017) and may have changed since then. Also, this table only represents a portion of the standards. We recommend users to read the full standards.

* If labelled Gestation Stall Free (GSF) - Sows and gilts are kept in loose housing from at least five days after service until one week before farrowing, where service refers to the last mating