

Temporary arrangements ceasing in 2013

The below rules came into force for new pig facilities years ago, but applies to all pig facilities **as of January 1, 2013.**

Fully slatted concrete flooring

Maximum **slot width** for group-housed pigs kept on fully slatted concrete flooring:

- 11 mm for piglets
- 14 mm for weaned pigs
- 18 mm for breeding stock and finishers, and
- 20 mm for gilts after mating and sows

Minimum **slat width** for group-housed pigs kept on fully slatted concrete flooring:

- 50 mm for piglets and weaned pigs, and
- 80 mm for breeding stock and finishers, gilts after mating, and sows

Applies to all facilities with fully slatted flooring until July 1, 2015, when a complete ban on fully slatted flooring comes into force.

Enrichment and rooting materials

All animals in all types of facilities must have permanent access to sufficient amounts of rooting and enrichment material.

Special rules apply to gestating sows and gilts

Housing in individual stalls

Gestating sows and gilts kept in individual stalls the first four weeks after mating must have a space allowance of minimum **90 cm solid floor** measured from the back of the trough. All pigs must be able to lie down and rest and get up unhindered in the stall.

Housing in groups

From no later than 4 weeks after mating until 7 days before expected farrowing, all sows and gilts must be kept in large or small groups. In group-housing systems, pens must at no point be narrower than 3 m.

Requirements for flooring and bedding

In individual pens or relief pens, and in group-housing systems for sows and gilts, minimum 1.3 m² per sow and 0.95 m² per gilt must be made up of **continuous** solid or drained flooring or a combination of these and **be equipped with bedding**.

Relief pens

Gestating sows or gilts kept in individual pens or relief pens must have minimum 2.8 m² unobstructed area per pig. Note that each individual pen must have minimum 3.5 m² unobstructed area. Relief pens can hold up to three animals (applies to gestating sows and gilts only).