

BROKEN NEEDLES

Broken needles are rare however the following provides a guide to possible options

Needle breaks

If the metal piece is still visible

Restrain the pig immediately with a nose snare and remove

If metal piece is inside the pig and not visible

Immediate action

- 🕒 Mark the pig with a numbered ear tag
- 🕒 Record date and identify in the medicine book

Possible future options

The animal is to be retained as breeding stock

- 🕒 The animal will not be suitable for human consumption
- 🕒 Ensure the animal tag is correctly placed
- 🕒 Check the animal's health regularly
- 🕒 Check the tag regularly and replace if necessary
- 🕒 If a different tag number is used, record new number
- 🕒 Once the animal's breeding life is finished the animal must not go to slaughter for human consumption

The reason is that pieces of metal move inside the body and within weeks it will move from the injection site (i.e. neck) to any part of the body

The pig can be slaughtered within 7 days

- 🕒 Send to slaughterhouse
- 🕒 Together with an owner declaration for casualty slaughter
- 🕒 Advise the slaughterhouse on the injection site

The pig will be finished for home consumption

- 🕒 The pig once finished must not be sold

The pig cannot be slaughtered within 7 days, has no breeding future and cannot be used for home consumption

- 🕒 Euthanase

Dispose of all needles, syringes and containers according to legal requirements