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## Circular

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**to:**

Meat Division Staff at:  
Export Slaughterhouses  
Abattoirs

**subject:**

POST-MORTEM INSPECTION PROCEDURES OF PIGS

**previous circular  
or manual ref:**

MDC 86/5/2, 86/12/5, 86/16/2  
5.16

BACKGROUND

Clarification has been sought as to the interpretation of an adult breeding animal in relation to incision of superficial inguinal/mammary lymph nodes (section 5.2, MDC 86/5/2)."

AIM

To interpret "adult breeding animals" for inspection purposes.

PROCEDURE

The interpretation of "adult breeding animals" in MDC 86/5/2 is those animals:

- 1 being sows showing mammary development and evidence of lactation or past lactation;

- 2 being boars with sexual odour;
- 3 being of a size/age that the carcass would be designated for manufacturing purposes, ie those animals that were traditionally graded as choppers.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE

As from receipt of this circular.

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