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PIGMEAT LANGUAGE AND CATEGORIES

STANDARD CARCASS CONVERSION FACTOR GRID

60 kg and Under (HSCW)									
TRIM NUMBER	HEAD	FLARES	FORE-TROTTERS	HIND-TROTTERS	SCALE WEIGHT	MAXIMUM* SCALE WEIGHT	CONVERSION FACTOR		
1	ON	IN	ON	ON	60kg	60kg	1,000		
2	ON	OUT	ON	ON	59.0	59.0	1,012		
3	ON	IN	OFF	ON	59.5	59.5	1,011		
4	ON	IN	ON	OFF	59.5	59.5	1,011		
5	ON	OUT	OFF	ON	58.5	58.5	1,023		
6	ON	OUT	ON	OFF	58.5	58.5	1,023		
7	ON	IN	OFF	OFF	59.0	59.0	1,022		
8	ON	OUT	OFF	OFF	58.0	58.0	1,035		
09	OFF	IN	ON	ON	56.0	56.0	1,078		
10	OFF	OUT	ON	ON	55.0	55.0	1,092		
11	OFF	IN	OFF	ON	55.5	55.5	1,091		
12	OFF	IN	ON	OFF	55.5	55.5	1,091		
13	OFF	OUT	OFF	ON	54.5	54.5	1,105		
14	OFF	OUT	ON	OFF	54.5	54.5	1,105		
15	OFF	IN	OFF	OFF	55.0	55.0	1,104		
16	OFF	OUT	OFF	OFF	54.0	54.0	1,120		
17	SKULL OUT	IN	ON	ON	57.0	57.0	1,057		
18	SKULL OUT	OUT	ON	ON	56.5	56.5	1,071		
19	SKULL OUT	IN	OFF	ON	56.5	56.5	1,070		
20	SKULL OUT	IN	ON	OFF	56.5	56.5	1,070		
21	SKULL OUT	OUT	OFF	ON	56.0	56.0	1,083		
22	SKULL OUT	OUT	ON	OFF	56.0	56.0	1,083		
23	SKULL OUT	IN	OFF	OFF	56.0	56.0	1,082		
24	SKULL OUT	OUT	OFF	OFF	55.0	55.0	1,096		

* Maximum weight for which conversion factors apply.

Over 60 kg (HSCW)									
TRIM NUMBER	HEAD	FLARES	FORE-TROTTERS	HIND-TROTTERS	SCALE WEIGHT	MINIMUM* SCALE WEIGHT	CONVERSION FACTOR		
1	ON	IN	ON	ON	60.1kg	60.1kg	1,000		
2	ON	OUT	ON	ON	59.1	59.1	1,014		
3	ON	IN	OFF	ON	59.6	59.6	1,009		
4	ON	IN	ON	OFF	59.6	59.6	1,009		
5	ON	OUT	OFF	ON	58.6	58.6	1,023		
6	ON	OUT	ON	OFF	58.6	58.6	1,023		
7	ON	IN	OFF	OFF	59.1	59.1	1,019		
8	ON	OUT	OFF	OFF	58.1	58.1	1,033		
09	OFF	IN	ON	ON	56.1	56.1	1,073		
10	OFF	OUT	ON	ON	55.1	55.1	1,089		
11	OFF	IN	OFF	ON	55.6	55.6	1,084		
12	OFF	IN	ON	OFF	55.6	55.6	1,084		
13	OFF	OUT	OFF	ON	54.6	54.6	1,100		
14	OFF	OUT	ON	OFF	54.6	54.6	1,100		
15	OFF	IN	OFF	OFF	55.1	55.1	1,095		
16	OFF	OUT	OFF	OFF	54.1	54.1	1,110		
17	SKULL OUT	IN	ON	ON	57.1	57.1	1,051		
18	SKULL OUT	OUT	ON	ON	56.6	56.6	1,066		
19	SKULL OUT	IN	OFF	ON	56.6	56.6	1,061		
20	SKULL OUT	IN	ON	OFF	56.6	56.6	1,061		
21	SKULL OUT	OUT	OFF	ON	56.1	56.1	1,076		
22	SKULL OUT	OUT	ON	OFF	56.1	56.1	1,076		
23	SKULL OUT	IN	OFF	OFF	56.1	56.1	1,071		
24	SKULL OUT	OUT	OFF	OFF	55.1	55.1	1,087		

* Minimum weight for which conversion factors apply.

WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION GRID

LABELLING OPTIONS

WEIGHT CLASS CIPHER	HSCW kg	FAT CLASS CIPHERS					
		0	1	2	3	4	5
A	25.1 - 35	< 7	7	8 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 17	18 +
B	35.1 - 40	< 7	7	8 - 10	11 - 13	14 - 18	19 +
C	40.1 - 45	< or = 7	8	9 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 19	20 +
D	45.1 - 50	< or = 7	8 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 20	21 +
E	50.1 - 55	< or = 7	8 - 10	11 - 13	14 - 16	17 - 21	22 +
F	55.1 - 60	< or = 7	8 - 11	12 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 22	23 +
G	60.1 - 65	< or = 7	8 - 12	13 - 15	16 - 18	19 - 23	24 +
H	65.1 - 70	< or = 7	8 - 13	14 - 16	17 - 18	19 - 24	25 +
I	70.1 - 75	< or = 7	8 - 14	15 - 18	19 - 20	21 - 25	26 +
J	75.1 - 80	< or = 7	8 - 15	16 - 18	19 - 21	22 - 26	27 +
K	80.1 - 85	< or = 7	8 - 16	17 - 19	20 - 22	23 - 27	28 +
L	85.1 - 90	< or = 7	8 - 17	18 - 20	21 - 23	24 - 28	29 +
M	90.1 +	< or = 7	8 - 18	19 - 21	22 - 24	25 - 29	30 +

WEIGHT AND FAT CLASSES (Scores):
Porcine carcasses over 25kg (HSCW) may be classified into weight related fat classes.

The weight classes are based on HSCW. The fat classes are decided by measuring the external fat covering, plus the skin at the P2 site.

The following table shows the relationship between the weight and fat classes:

◆ **FAT CLASS (SCORE) CIPHER (mm)**

EXAMPLES OF WEIGHT RELATED FAT CLASSES ARE:

- ◆ Carcass weighing 62.5kg with a P2 fat measurement of 11 mm would be ciphered as G1.
- ◆ Carcass weighing 42kg with a P2 fat measurement of 13mm would be ciphered as C3.

BASIC CATEGORIES

PORK *P*	Female (Gilt), Barrow or Entire male porcine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Females show no evidence of milk secretion ◆ Males show no evidence of SSC
SOW PORK *SP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Female porcine with milk secretion
BOAR PORK *BP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Male porcine ◆ Showing evidence of SSC

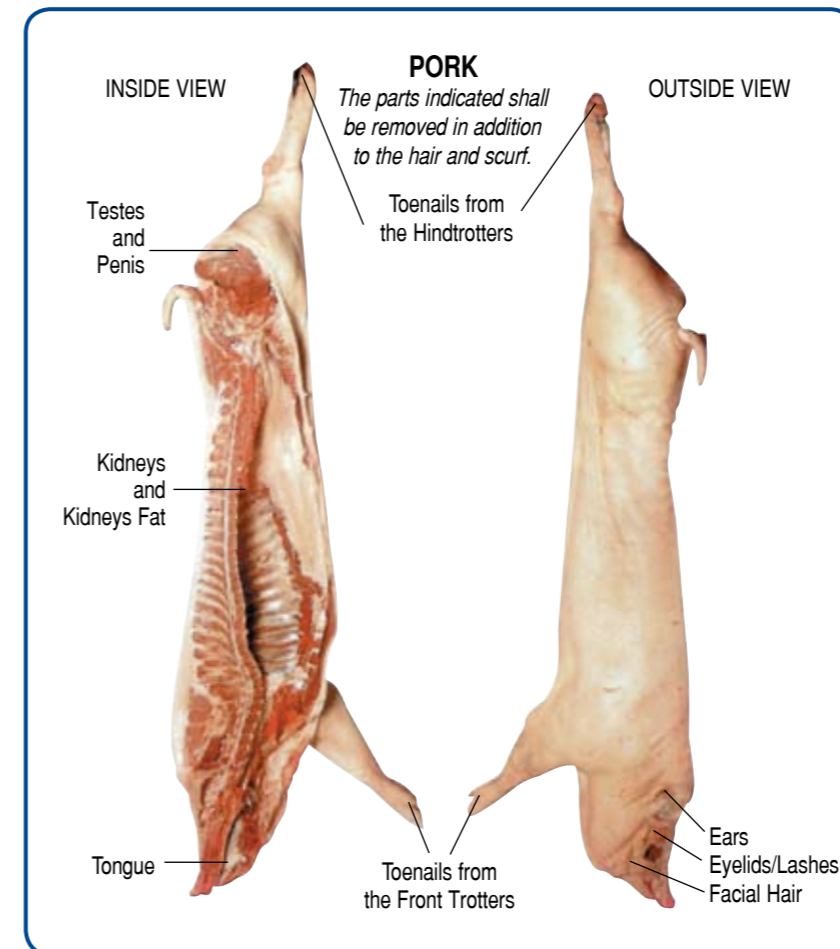
ALTERNATIVE CATEGORIES

SUCKER PORK *SUK*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Porcine weighing up to 35kg (HSCW)
GILT PORK *GP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Female porcine showing no evidence of milk secretion
GILT LIGHT PORK *GLP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Female porcine weighing up to 60kg (HSCW) ◆ Females showing no evidence of milk secretion
GILT HEAVY PORK *GHP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Female porcine weighing more than 60kg (HSCW) ◆ Females showing no evidence of milk secretion
BARROW PORK *BAP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Barrow male porcine showing no evidence of SSC
BARROW LIGHT PORK *BLP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Barrow male porcine weighing up to 60kg (HSCW) ◆ Showing no evidence of SSC
BARROW HEAVY PORK *BAHP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Barrow male porcine weighing more than 60kg (HSCW) ◆ Showing no evidence of SSC
MALE LIGHT PORK *MLP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Entire male porcine weighing up to 60kg (HSCW) ◆ Showing no evidence of SSC
MALE HEAVY PORK *MHP*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Entire male porcine weighing more than 60kg (HSCW) ◆ Showing no evidence of SSC

DEFINITION

Barrow:	Castrated Male Pig
Gilt :	A Female that has not produced piglets or that has not reached an evident stage of pregnancy
SSC :	Secondary Sexual Characteristics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ tusks ◆ scutum or shield on the forequarter ◆ strong sexual odour ◆ thickness of skin ◆ pronounced protractor muscle
HSCW:	Hot Standard Carcase Weight

STANDARD CARCASE TRIM (1)



HOW THE CONVERSION FACTOR WORKS

EXAMPLE 1
(For under 60kg HSCW)

Trim 13
Head OFF, Flares OUT,
Foretrotters OFF, Hindtrotters ON.
Scale Weight 48.5kg x conversion
factor 1.105 = Standard Carcase
Weight 53.6kg.

EXAMPLE 2
(For over 60kg HSCW)

Trim 3
Head ON, Flares IN,
Foretrotters OFF, Hindtrotters ON.
Scale Weight 61.5kg x conversion
factor 1.009 = Standard Carcase
Weight 62kg.

The image of the Carcase (above) is trimmed to the Standard Carcase Definition. There are many combinations of carcase trim. In order to ensure fair trading irrespective of trim a Conversion Factor has been included.
THE CONVERSION FACTOR FOR THE STANDARD CARCASE DEFINITION IS (1).

* See over page for Standard Carcase trim conversion grid.

STANDARD CARCASE TRIM DEFINITION (1)

Other than Sucker Pork and skin-off carcasses, a Pigmeat Carcase is the body of a slaughtered porcine animal after:

- ◆ bleeding
- ◆ removal of all the internal digestive, respiratory, excretory, reproductive and circulatory organs
- ◆ minimum trimming as required by meat inspection service for the carcase to be passed fit for human consumption.

And the removal of the:

- ◆ hair and scurf
- ◆ hooves of the foretrotters and of the hindtrotters
- ◆ testes and penis
- ◆ ears, eyelids/lashes, facial hair and tongue
- ◆ kidneys and kidney fat

The Carcase must be weighed hot (HSCW)

- ◆ AUS-MEAT accredited abattoirs may trim carcasses to any one of 24 trim options.
- ◆ However operators must report all pig carcase weights in terms of the Standard Carcase Definition (Trim No.1).
- ◆ The Standard Conversion chart on the next page has been developed for conversion of non-standard carcasses back to the Standard Carcase Definition. This means reporting of carcase weights to producers is on a uniform and comparable basis.
- ◆ There are separate conversion charts for heavier pigs (over 60kg dressed weight) and lighter carcasses.

HEAD REMOVAL and SKULL OUT

Where Trim Options specify 'Head Off' or 'Skull Out', the following dressing procedures apply:

- ◆ **Head Off:** The head is removed between the occipital bone and the 1st cervical vertebrae by a square cut transversely across the neck muscles.
- ◆ **Skull Out:** A cut commencing at the lower jaw under the chin follows the jaw bone through to the neck joint ensuring cheek muscles are retained on the jowl. The snout and portions of skin retained on the lower jaw near the mouth remain on the skull. The skull is removed by a cut through the occipital bone and the 1st cervical vertebrae.