This little piggy went to...

But he needed a Defra herd mark to take him there.

From the 6th April 2007 the pig identification rules in England have changed:

- Pigs of any age moving from your holding to a market of any kind must be permanently identified with the Defra herd mark of your holding.

- Any pigs aged 1 year and over that you move off your holding must be permanently identified with the Defra herdmark of your holding.

All pigs moving to slaughter are still required to be permanently identified with your Defra herdmark and movements of pigs under 1 year of age between holdings can continue to be identified with a temporary mark.

For more information please contact the Defra Livestock Identification helpline tel 0845 050 9876