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Revised Regulatory Package - Part XV of the *Health of Animal Regulations* (Livestock Traceability)

Goats

Canada

Background

The Canadian Cattle Association, together with the western provincial beef cattle organizations, have withdrawn their support for the proposed amendments to the livestock traceability regulations.

- Main concern is increased burden for primary producers associated with new movement reporting requirements and shortened reporting timelines.
- CCA convening a task force on an industry–led approach for further traceability.

Dairy Farmers of Canada and the Canadian Pork Council requested the amendments proceed to publication.

Canadian National Goat Federation and Canadian Cervid Alliance continued to support the regulatory package.

Canadian Sheep Federation continued to support the regulatory package, while the Alberta Lamb Producers raised concerns.

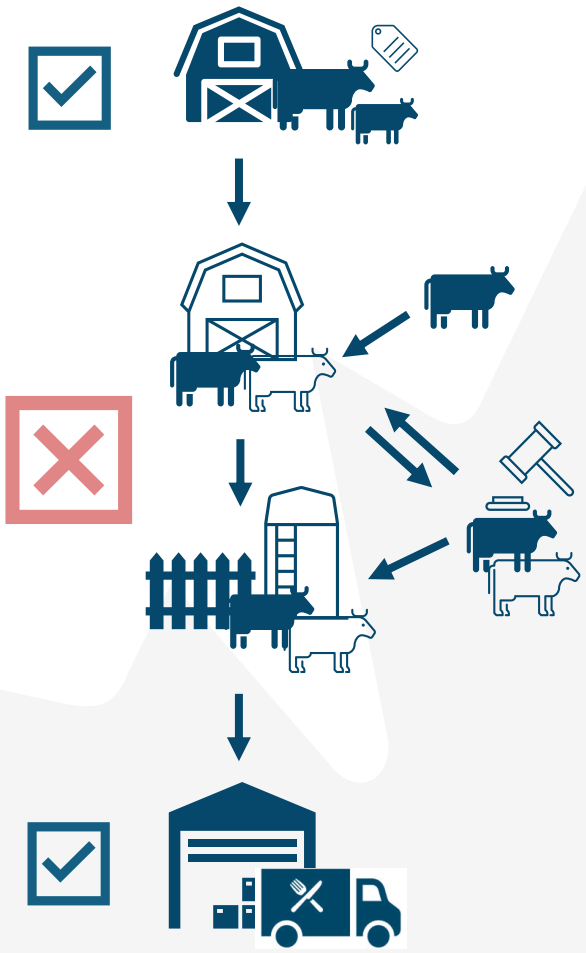
- Main concern is increased burden for primary producers associated with new movement reporting requirements

Revised Approach

Pending further engagement with each livestock sector, the regulatory proposal will advance with elements that have confirmed industry support while deferring or removing amendments that generated opposition.

This includes:

- Incorporating the use of provincial premises identification numbers
- Aligning all ruminant species with the current cattle “bookended” traceability framework by:
  - Introducing identification (tagging) and event reporting (slaughter, disposal, import and export) requirements for goats and cervids
  - Introducing slaughter and export event reporting for sheep
  - Removal of proposed movement reporting for ruminant species
  - Making slaughter and disposal site (renderers, deadstock operations) event reporting time requirement 7 days
- Implementing amendments requested by the pork sector
  - Double movement reporting currently required for pigs remains

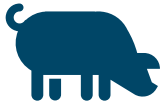


What is proposed to remain in the package for all species:

New species
Include goats and cervids in the livestock traceability program

Premises identification
Report PID numbers when purchasing tags, requesting herd marks, and reporting information related to all animals

Animal identification
- Identify all animals before they leave their farm of origin, with some exceptions
- Identify animals that arrive at a site untagged or lose a tag on site (+ report/record this application)



Maintain movement reporting for pigs
Report the arrival and departure of pigs, with some exceptions and minor adjustments (7 days)

Slaughter
Abattoir reports the slaughter of all animals (7 days)

Disposal
Disposal site reports disposal of all carcasses (7 days)
- Including on farm disposal of tagged carcasses (30 days)

Export/Import
Exporter/importer reports the export/import of all animals (30 days for ruminants, 7 days for pigs)

Transport
Transporter keeps and provides a movement document to accompany all animals

Movement reporting

- ☒ Movement reporting for all ruminant species will be removed from the proposal.
- ☑ Double movement reporting currently required for pigs remains.
- ? Sheep, goats, and cervids – based on sector feedback, determine if support for movement reporting or removing it from the proposal.

Considerations for sheep & goat:

Sheep:

Assuming no move-in reporting, continue with existing record keeping requirements, with the option to report:

- the arrival of sheep used for breeding purposes onto your farm
- the departure of sheep that are 18 months or older from your farm

Goats:

Assuming no move-in reporting, add in same record keeping requirements as above, with the option to report

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Incorporated by reference (IBR): a regulatory approach that makes an external document legally part of a regulation without reproducing it in full, allowing technical requirements (e.g. approved indicators) to be updated efficiently without amending the regulation itself.

Consists of:

- Comprehensive list of approved indicators
- Approved technology
- Scope of approval of the different types of animal indicators
- Information on equivalent foreign animal indicators

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* **Select the species: (required)**

+ Caprine

* **Select the shape and type (required)**

One-piece loop ear or tail web tag

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The means of identifying animals listed below are pre-approved indicators for caprine.

Pre-approved technology:	FDX, HDX and non-electronic
Pre-approved manner to identify:	(a) ear tag with marking and identification number facing forward; (b) leg band with marking and identification number, and; (c) indicator applied to the tail web with marking and identification number.
Scope of approval:	the indicators bearing an ISO 11784 number listed under this section would be approved for all types of domestic movement of caprine and caprine carcasses, and their export. The indicators with herd mark listed under this section would be approved for caprine aged 12 months or less and moved directly from a farm to an abattoir.

CFIA code: CAP-06-01A

▶ Description of image – CAP-06-01A

Indicator Attribute	Details
Manufacturer	Shearwell
Manufacturer's code	ASGOEFSPC
Name, other reference	ASET RFID tag
Technology and type	RFID (FDX-B) 1-piece ear tag
Colour	Orange
Organization allocating identifcation numbers	Canadian Cattle Identification Agency
Date of approval	Date at which proposed regulations would come into force
Note	Physically, it is the same indicator as CAP-06-01B.

Summary of Decision Points

- ☑ Confirm use of premises identification numbers
- ☑ Confirm the option of reporting into or recording lost/missing tag replacements aligning all species
- ☑ Confirm reporting disposal, slaughter, import and export aligning all species
- ☑ Decide on goat movement reporting **or** introduce record keeping requirements (already existing for sheep), with option to report