

LIVESTOCK TRACEABILITY REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS | ASSEMBLY POINTS

This guide for operators of livestock sites provides an overview of the proposed federal livestock identification and traceability requirements. It is to help regulated parties understand the proposed amendments to the Part XV *Health of Animals Regulations* (Identification and Traceability). It is not a substitute for the law. Provincial and territorial requirements may also apply.

This guide supports the objective of the national Livestock Identification and Traceability Program, which is to provide accurate and up-to-date livestock identity, movement and location information in order to mitigate the impact of disease outbreaks, food safety issues and natural disasters.

Assembly point: an auction market, assembly yard or other site where animals are temporarily collected to be sold or redirected to another site, but does not include an abattoir, farm, feedlot, community pasture, fairground, artificial insemination unit, zoo or the site of an event such as a rodeo or exhibition.

Approved identification site: Only assembly points are eligible to be approved identification sites. Bison and cattle that may cause serious injury to any person who attempts to identify it can be transported to an approved identification site in order to be safely identified with an approved indicator.

NEW: the identification of premises where animals are kept or collected, the identification of goats and cervids and the domestic movement reporting of all ruminants (cattle, bison, sheep, goats and cervids) are the key changes in the proposed regulatory amendments.

PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Obtain a premises identification number.	<p>Obtain a premises identification number from your provincial or territorial premises program authority. Refer to the Premises Identification Website for instructions.</p> <p>Premises identification information must be kept up to date with your provincial or territorial premises program authority.</p>	-
Report the premises identification number.	When you purchase approved indicators and/or report information related to livestock identification or movements, you must report the premises identification number of your site.	-
Site does not have a premises identification number.	<p>If you are required to report the premises identification number of your site and you do not have one, you must report to the responsible administrator the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The legal description of the site• Your name and telephone number• A list of the animal species present at the site• The type of agriculture operation <p>You must report any changes to the premises identification information to the responsible administrator.</p>	- Within 7 days of the change.

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Ensure the animal is identified.	<p>Animals must be identified with an approved indicator¹ when they arrive at your site.</p> <p>Approved indicators must be applied to animals as described on the list of approved indicators. Refer to the Proposed document to be incorporated by reference - Approved animal indicators for all details.</p>	-



ARRIVAL OF ANIMALS

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Report the arrival of animals.	<p>As the operator of an assembly point, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The premises identification number of the departure site* • The premises identification number of your site • The date and time the animals left the departure site* • The date and time the animals arrived at your site • The species and number of animals of each species that arrived at your site • The license plate number or conveyance identification* <p>You are not required to report the identification number of the approved indicators on the animals at arrival.</p> <p>*this information will be provided to you by the transporter of the animals</p>	Within 7 days of arrival.

LOSS OF APPROVED INDICATORS

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Arrival without an approved indicator.	You must apply an approved indicator ¹ to an animal that arrives at your site without one. The new approved indicator must be assigned to your site (see exemption below for approved identification sites).	As soon as it arrives at your site.
Loss of an approved indicator on site.	You must apply a new approved indicator ¹ to an animal that has lost its approved indicator at your site.	As soon as the loss of the approved indicator is noted.
Report the application of the approved indicator.	<p>When applying an approved indicator to an animal, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identification number of the new approved indicator • If known, the identification number of the approved indicators^{2,3}, previously applied • The premises identification number of your site • If known, the premises identification number of the departure site • If applicable, the license plate number or conveyance identification 	Within 7 days of application of the new indicator.

REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO RUMINANTS

DISPOSAL OF RUMINANT CARCASSES

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Ensure the carcasses are identified.	Ruminant carcasses must be identified with an approved indicator ¹ if you move them off site for disposal.	Before the carcass leaves the site.
Report the on site disposal the carcasses.	<p>When disposing of ruminant carcasses on site, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The premises identification number of the site where the carcass was disposed of • The date on which the carcass was disposed of • The identification number on the approved indicators^{2,3} 	Within 7 days of disposing of the carcass.

REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO PIGS

DEPARTURE OF PIGS AND PIG CARCASSES

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Report the departure of live pigs and pig carcasses.	<p>As the operator of an assembly point, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The premises identification number of your site • The premises identification number of the destination site • The date and time the live pigs left your site • The number of live pigs that left your site • The date the pig carcasses left your site • The number of pig carcasses that left your site, or their weight • In the event that you applied approved indicators at your site, the identification number on the approved indicators² applied to live pigs • The license plate number or conveyance identification <p>You are not required to report the identification number of the approved indicators on pig carcasses.</p>	Within 7 days of departure.

APPROVED IDENTIFICATION SITES (BISON AND CATTLE ONLY)

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Apply to be an approved identification site.	<p>The operator of an assembly point can apply to have its site be recognized as an approved identification site for bison and cattle.</p> <p>Contact your responsible administrator for more information.</p>	-
Identify the animals.	<p>Animals must be identified with an approved indicator as soon as they arrive at the approved identification site and before they are mixed with other animals. The approved indicator must be assigned to the farm of origin.</p>	As soon as it arrives at your site.
Report the identification of the animals.	<p>As the operator of an approved identification site, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The identification number of the approved indicator • The premises identification number of the departure site • The premises identification number of the approved identification site • The date the approved indicator was applied 	Within 7 days of application of the approved indicator.

PROHIBITIONS

IT IS PROHIBITED TO

- Remove or cause the removal of a ruminant or ruminant carcass from an assembly point unless it bears an approved indicator¹.
- Remove or cause the removal of a pig from an assembly point unless it bears an approved indicator.
- Apply an approved indicator to an animal or a carcass that is not at the site for which the indicator was assigned.
- Apply an indicator approved for a species to an animal or the carcass of an animal of a different species.
- Transfer an approved indicator from an animal or its carcass to another animal or carcass, or reuse an approved indicator.
- Apply, make, sell, or provide a means of identifying animals or carcasses that is likely to be mistaken for an approved indicator.
- Remove⁴ an approved or revoked indicator from an animal or its carcass, except at the time and place of disposal of the carcass.
- Alter an approved indicator in any manner.
- Give, sell or distribute approved indicators assigned for your site

DEFINITIONS

Approved indicator: refers to indicators approved under the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program. In most cases approved indicators are approved ear tags.

Approved secondary indicator: refers to secondary indicators approved under the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program.

Revoked indicator: refers to indicators that are no longer approved under the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program.

Carcass: refers to any part of the carcass of a ruminant or pig that exceeds 50% of its weight and, as a general rule, it refers to dead stock.

Farm: refers to land, and all building and other structures on that land, that is used under 1 management for breeding or raising animals, but does not include an artificial insemination unit.

Farm of origin: refers to the farm on which an animal is born, or if an animal is not born on a farm, the first farm to which it is moved after its birth.

Site: refers to premises where ruminants or pigs or the carcasses of ruminants or pigs are kept or collected, but does not include a conveyance.

¹ Cervid species must also be identified with an approved secondary indicator.

² When you are required to report to the responsible administrator an identification number on an approved indicator of a ruminant or pig or the carcass of a ruminant or pig that bears a revoked indicator instead, you must report the identification number on the revoked indicator.

³ When you are required to report to the responsible administrator an identification number on an approved indicator of a cervid or cervid carcass that bears an approved secondary indicator only, you must report the identification number on the approved secondary indicator.

⁴ The removal of an animal's approved or revoked indicator could be authorized if an inspector determines, based on information provided (whether before, at the time of or within 7 days of the removal of the indicator), that the indicator is causing the animal to suffer.