

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.

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

## ANIMAL CARCASS IDENTIFICATION

WHAT TO DO?	TIME LIMIT
<p>Ensure the carcass is identified.</p> <p>Carcasses <b>must be identified</b> with an approved indicator<sup>1</sup> when they arrive at your site.</p>	-
<p>Maintain the identification of a ruminant carcass.</p> <p>You <b>must maintain</b> the ability to identify the carcass of a ruminant at your site until any sampling of the carcass has been completed and the carcass is disposed of in accordance with any applicable legislation.</p>	-

## ARRIVAL OF ANIMAL CARCASSES

WHAT TO DO?	TIME LIMIT
<p>Report the arrival of all carcasses.</p> <p>As the operator of a rendering plant or dead stock collection centre, you <b>must report</b> the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The premises identification number of the departure site*</li> <li>• The premises identification number of your site</li> <li>• The date and time the carcasses left the departure site*</li> </ul>	<p>Within <b>7 days</b> of arrival.</p>

- The date and time the carcasses arrived at your site
- In the case of ruminants, the identification number on the approved indicators<sup>2,3</sup>
- In the case of pigs, the number of pig carcasses that arrived at your site, or their weight
- The license plate number or conveyance identification\*

\*this information will be provided to you by the transporter of the animals

Report the on site disposal of ruminant carcasses.

If you are receiving ruminant carcasses for disposal on your site, you **must report** the following information to the responsible administrator:

- 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<sup>2,3</sup>

Within **7 days** of disposing of the carcass.

## PROHIBITIONS

### IT IS PROHIBITED TO

- Remove or cause the removal of the carcass of a ruminant from a site unless it bears an approved indicator<sup>1</sup>.
- Apply an approved indicator to the carcass of an animal that is not at the site for which the indicator was assigned.
- Apply an indicator approved for a species to the carcass of an animal of a different species.
- Transfer an approved indicator from the carcass of an animal to another animal carcass, or reuse an approved indicator.
- Apply, make, sell, or provide a means of identifying animal carcasses that is likely to be mistaken for an approved indicator.
- Remove an approved or revoked indicator from the carcass of an animal, 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.

**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.

<sup>1</sup> Cervid species must also be identified with an approved secondary indicator.

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

<sup>3</sup> 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.