

This guide for distributors of approved indicators 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.

AUTHORIZATION TO SELL OR DISTRIBUTE

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Obtain written authorization.	<p>Obtain a written authorization from the responsible administrator to sell or distribute approved indicators¹.</p> <p>The authorization must be obtained from the responsible administrator of each species for which you wish to sell or distribute indicators.</p> <p>Refer to the list of Responsible Administrators for contact information.</p>	Before you start selling or distributing approved indicators.

SELLING OR DISTRIBUTING APPROVED INDICATORS

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Report the sale or distribution of approved indicators.	<p>When you sell or distribute approved indicators¹, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The name, address and telephone number of the person to whom the indicators were sold or distributed The premises identification number of the site where the indicators will be applied The date on which they were sold or distributed Their unique identification numbers The number of indicators that were sold or distributed 	Within 24 hrs of the sale or distribution.
The producer does not have a site identification number.	<p>If the site where the indicators will be applied does not have a premises identification number, you must report to the responsible administrator the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legal description of the site The name and telephone number of the operator of the site A list of the animal species present at the site The type of agriculture operation <p>Refer to the Premises Identification webpage on the CFIA's Livestock traceability website for detailed information on premises identification numbers.</p>	Within 24 hrs of the sale or distribution.

PROHIBITIONS

IT IS PROHIBITED TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give, sell or distribute approved indicators, unless authorized in writing by a responsible administrator Provide an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator to another person for the purpose of identifying animals located outside Canada Alter an approved indicator in any manner Make, sell, or provide a means of identifying animals or carcasses that is likely to be mistaken for an approved indicator

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.

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, bearing the same number.