

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.

**Requirements addressed in this feedlot guidance only apply to ruminants.**

**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><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>	-
Report the premises identification number.	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.	-
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 <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 IDENTIFICATION

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Ensure the animal is identified.	<p>Animals <b>must be identified</b> with an approved indicator<sup>1</sup> 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 a feedlot, 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> </ul>	Within <b>7 days</b> of arrival.

- The date and time the animals left the departure site\*
- The date and time the animals arrived at your site
- The identification number on the approved indicators<sup>2,3</sup>
- The license plate number or conveyance identification\*

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

The use of approved indicator reading equipment.

If you are using reading equipment to read **RFID<sup>4</sup> approved indicators** and the identification number on an approved indicator is not read by the equipment on the first reading, you are **not required to report** the identification number<sup>5</sup> provided that the terms listed below are met:

- The equipment is listed on the website of a responsible administrator
- You have installed the equipment in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions
- You have maintained the equipment and performed tests to ensure that it functions as intended

## LOSS OF APPROVED INDICATORS

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Arrival without an approved indicator.	You <b>must apply</b> an approved indicator <sup>1</sup> to an animal that arrives at your site without one. The new approved indicator must be assigned to your site.	As soon as it arrives at your site.
Loss of an approved indicator on site.	You <b>must apply</b> a new approved indicator <sup>1</sup> 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.	When applying an approved indicator to an animal, you <b>must report</b> the following information to the responsible administrator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The identification number of the new approved indicator</li> <li>• If known, the identification number of the approved indicators<sup>2,3</sup> previously applied</li> <li>• The premises identification number of your site</li> <li>• If known, the premises identification number of the departure site</li> <li>• If applicable, the license plate number or conveyance identification</li> </ul>	Within <b>7 days</b> of application of the new indicator.

## DISPOSAL OF RUMINANT CARCASSES

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

## PROHIBITIONS

### IT IS PROHIBITED TO

- Remove or cause the removal of a ruminant or ruminant carcass from a feedlot unless it bears an approved indicator<sup>1</sup>.
- 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.

- Remove<sup>6</sup> 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.

**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.

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<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 a ruminant or 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.

<sup>4</sup> RFID stands for Radio Frequency Identification, which includes both the HDX and the FDX technology, and are commonly referred to as “electronic” indicators.

<sup>5</sup> This rule does not apply to operators of an abattoir, operators of any site that receives the carcass of an animal for the purpose of disposal, or operators of any site that imports or exports animals.

<sup>6</sup> 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.