# LIVESTOCK TRACEABILITY REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS | CERVID PRODUCERS AND OWNERS

This guide for livestock producers and owners 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.

#### PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Obtain a premises identification number.	<b>Obtain</b> a premises identification number from your provincial or territorial premises program authority. Refer to the Premises Identification Website for instructions	-
	Premises identification information must be <b>kept up to date</b> with your provincial or territorial premises program authority.	
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.	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:  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	-
	You <b>must report any changes</b> to the premises identification information to the responsible administrator.	Within <b>7 days</b> of the change.

## **ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION**

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Identify cervids.	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.	Before cervids leave the farm of origin.
	Cervids <b>must be identified</b> with an approved indicator and approved secondary indicator before they leave their farm of origin. The identification number on the approved secondary indicator <b>must be identical</b> to the identification number on the approved indicator.	
	<ul> <li>The exceptions are as follows:</li> <li>Cervids or cervid carcasses that have been seized by an authority or have been abandoned</li> <li>Cervids that must be urgently evacuated from a site</li> <li>When the morphology of cervids or cervid carcasses does not allow for the application of an approved indicator</li> </ul>	

### LOSS OF APPROVED INDICATORS OR APPROVED SECONDARY INDICATORS

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Arrival without an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator.	You <b>must apply</b> an approved indicator and a matching approved secondary indicator to cervids that arrive at your site without either one. The new indicators must be assigned to your site.	As soon as it arrives at your site.

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Loss of an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator on site.	You <b>must apply</b> a new approved indicator and a matching approved secondary indicator to cervids that have lost either of their approved indicators at your site.	As soon as the loss of the approved indicator is noted.
Report the application of the approved indicators.	When applying an approved indicator to cervids, you <b>must report</b> the following information to the responsible administrator:  The identification number of the new approved indicator  If known, the identification number of the approved indicators <sup>1,2</sup> 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  You are <b>not required to report</b> the application of the approved indicators if the cervids have not been moved from their farm of origin.	Within <b>7 days</b> of application of the new indicators.

# **DEPARTURE OF CERVIDS FROM YOUR FARM**

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Report the departure of cervids.	When cervids leave your farm, you <b>must report</b> the following information to the responsible administrator:  • The premises identification number of your farm  • The premises identification number of the destination site  • The date and time the cervids left your farm  • The identification number on the approved indicators <sup>1 2</sup> • The license plate number or conveyance identification  You are <b>not required to report</b> the <b>arrival</b> of cervids at your farm, unless they are returning from a community pasture.	Within <b>7 days</b> of departure.
Movement of cervids from a leased pasture.	You are <b>required to report</b> the <b>departure</b> of cervids to a leased pasture, but you are not required to report their return to your farm, if all the cervids kept at the leased pasture were from that same farm.	-
Movement of cervids within the same farm.	You are <b>not required to report</b> the movement of cervids if they are moved within the same farm.	-
	For <b>import</b> and <b>export</b> requirements, refer to the Importers and Exporters guidance documents	

# **DISPOSAL OF CERVID CARCASSES**

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Identify the cervid carcasses.	Cervid carcasses <b>must be identified</b> with an approved indicator and approved secondary indicator if you move them off site for disposal.	Before the carcass leaves the site.
Report the on site disposal of the carcasses.	When disposing of cervid carcasses on site, you <b>must report</b> 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>12</sup>	Within <b>7 days</b> of application of the new indicators.
	If you dispose of a cervid carcass on its farm of origin that has not had approved indicators applied to it, you are <b>not required to apply</b> approved indicators to it <b>or report</b> its disposal.	

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#### **PROHIBITIONS**

#### IT IS PROHIBITED TO

- Remove or cause the removal of cervids or cervid carcasses from a site unless they bear an approved indicator and approved secondary
  indicator, with the exceptions listed in the "Animal identification" section above.
- Apply an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator to cervids or cervid carcasses that are not at the site for which the indicators were assigned.
- Apply an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator for cervids to animals that are not cervids or to carcasses that are not cervid carcasses.
- Transfer an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator from a cervid or its carcass to another animal or carcass, or reuse an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator.
- Apply, make, sell, or provide a means of identifying cervids or carcasses that is likely to be mistaken for an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator.
- Remove<sup>3</sup> an approved or revoked indicator from a cervid or its carcass, except at the time and place of disposal of the carcass.
- Alter an approved indicator or approved secondary indicator in any manner.
- Give, sell or distribute approved indicators or approved secondary 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 one 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</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.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</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 a revoked indicator instead, you must report the identification number on the revoked indicator.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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.