

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.

= New proposed regulatory requirements

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
Identify the pig.	<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> <p>Pigs must be identified with an approved indicator before they leave a site.</p> <p>Note: By definition, the word 'pig' includes farmed wild boars as well as any other animals of the genus <i>Sus</i> (e.g. Vietnamese Pot-bellied pigs, Göttingen minipigs, Kunekune pigs, etc.)</p> <p>The exceptions are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pigs moved between contiguous parts of the same farm Non-bred pigs moved between non-contiguous parts of the same farm or between farms Pig carcasses Pigs that have been seized by an authority or have been abandoned Pigs that must be urgently evacuated from a site When the morphology of the pigs does not allow for the application of an approved indicator <p>Note: The herd mark slap tattoo is only approved for pigs moved directly from a farm to an abattoir</p>	Before the pigs leave a site.

MOVEMENT OF PIGS BETWEEN SITES

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Report the departure of pigs.	When pigs leave your site, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator: <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 pigs left your site The number of pigs that left your site The identification number on the approved indicators¹ that were applied at your site The license plate number or conveyance identification 	Within 7 days of departure.
Report the arrival of pigs.	When pigs arrive your site, you must report the following information to the responsible administrator: <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 pigs left the departure site* The date and time the pigs arrived at your site The number of pigs and carcasses that arrived at your site The identification number on the approved indicators¹ The license plate number or conveyance identification* <p>*this information will be provided to you by the transporter of the animals</p>	Within 7 days of arrival.
Movement of pigs within the same farm.	You are not required to report the movement of pigs if they are moved between contiguous parts of the same farm.	-

For **import** and **export** requirements, refer to the Importers and Exporters guidance documents

MOVEMENT OF PIGS BETWEEN LINKED SITES

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Report the movement of pigs between linked sites.	Pig movements between farms registered as linked will only be required to be reported every three months for six-month periods. <p>The operators of both sites must report the following information to the responsible administrator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of pigs moved between the sites during the past three months Number of times the pigs were moved between the sites during the past three months <p>If this reporting does not occur by the last day of the third month, the registration for the remainder of the six-month period will be canceled.</p> <p>If this reporting does not occur by the last day of the sixth-month period, the two farms will no longer be able to register as linked for the next 12 months.</p>	By the last day of every third month .

LOSS OF APPROVED INDICATORS

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Arrival without an approved indicator.	You must apply an approved indicator to pigs that arrive at your site without one if they are required to bear 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 must apply a new approved indicator to pigs that have lost their 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 pigs, 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 indicators¹ 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 <p>You are not required to report the application of the approved indicator if the pigs have not been moved from their farm of origin.</p>	Within 7 days of application of the new indicator.

DEPARTURE OF PIG CARCASSES

WHAT TO DO?		TIME LIMIT
Report the departure of the carcasses.	<p>When pig carcasses leave your site, 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 the pig carcasses left your site • The number of pig carcasses that left your site, or their weight • The license plate number or conveyance identification <p>You are not required to report the identification number of approved indicators on pig carcasses, should they be bearing one.</p>	Within 7 days of departure.

PROHIBITIONS

IT IS PROHIBITED TO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove or cause the removal of pigs from a site unless they bear an approved indicator, with the exceptions listed in the “Animal identification” section above. • Apply an approved indicator to pigs or pig carcasses that are not at the site for which the indicator was assigned. • Apply an approved indicator for pigs to animals that are not pigs or to carcasses that are not pig carcasses. • Transfer an approved indicator from a pig or its carcass to another animal or carcass, or reuse an approved indicator. • Apply, make, sell, or provide a means of identifying pigs or carcasses that is likely to be mistaken for an approved indicator. • Remove² an approved or revoked indicator from a pig 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.

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 deadstock.

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.

¹When you are required to report to the responsible administrator an identification number on an approved indicator of a pig or pig carcass that bears a revoked indicator instead, you must report the identification number on the revoked indicator.

²The 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.