



Canada-US border remains open to all commercial shipments including all classes of cattle

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Transporters should follow all directives issued by their local, provincial and/or federal public health organization, and follow the latest Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) Covid-19 updates available on the websites of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada ([AAFC](#)) and [CFIA](#).

Will the Canada-US border remain open for cargo? Will rail lines, ports and trucking services continue to operate?

The continued movement of agri-food products, both at home and abroad, is essential to Canada's plan to manage COVID 19. The Government of Canada (GoC) has been clear the movement of goods over borders will not be restricted.

Does this mean that the border is still open to cattle trade?

Yes, the GoC has determined the continuation of trade is essential. The CFIA has identified the services required for import and export of commercial goods, including all classes of cattle and livestock genetics (embryos and semen), as a high priority in its business continuity plan. Visit www.inspection.gc.ca for further information.

Do I have to be a commercial trucker to transport cattle?

No. As usual, individual producers can transport their own livestock for commercial purposes. CFIA employees at a Canadian/American land border crossing will proceed as normal when inspecting a shipment carrying food and/or livestock.

Do I need to self-quarantine after returning from the US transporting commercial goods such as livestock?

No. The GoC has issued a directive stating that any healthy truck drivers transporting food and/or animals for commercial purposes into Canada from the United States are exempt from the 14-day self-isolation period for COVID-19.

However, workers in these sectors should:

- practise social distancing (maintain a distance of 2 metres from others)
- closely [self-monitor](#)
- self-isolate should they exhibit any symptoms

More information from GoC can be found [here](#).

Will services such as restaurants be open along routes?

Transporters should be aware access to personal services and amenities in the US may face similar restrictions as in Canada at this time.

How can I stay healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19 while continuing to transport cattle?

Proper hygiene can help reduce the risk of infection or spreading infection to others. The GoC recommends the following practices:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Clean high-touch surfaces, such as phones, electronics and door handles, frequently with regular household cleaners or diluted bleach
- Minimize close contact with others by keeping a distance of at least two arms-length from others

Follow the latest COVID-19 updates and best practices on the GoC [website](#).

Additional Resources

Transporters of food and/or livestock should follow the latest updates on the CFIA [website](#).

If truck drivers have specific questions about exemptions and service availability, they can contact the Canada Border Services Agency directly through one of the following options:

- Within Canada, toll-free at [1-800-461-9999](tel:1-800-461-9999)
- Outside of Canada [1-204-983-3500](tel:1-204-983-3500) or [1-506-636-5064](tel:1-506-636-5064)
- TTY: [1-866-335-3237](tel:1-866-335-3237) (for those with hearing or speech impairments)
- contact@cbsa.gc.ca

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For more information from the US Department of Agriculture, visit their [website](#).