



# Understanding the Proposed New Traceability Rules

There is significant misinformation being shared on social media regarding the proposed changes to traceability regulations under the *Health of Animals Act*. The Canadian Cattle Association worked with provincial associations and other industry associations to provide input to ensure the regulations follow the Cattle Implementation Plan which was developed and endorsed by the cattle industry.

CCA will continue to work with provincial members, other beef industry associations and governments to ensure any proposed changes work for producers. We called for and achieved a pause to address the concerns that we are hearing.

The proposed regulatory changes honour the intent of the Cattle Implementation Plan, which was developed by the beef industry and was updated in 2016.

Traceability data is protected by privacy legislation. A premises identification (PID) number allows anonymized reporting: no producer name, business name or location is provided with each transaction. Associated information is only visible to select individuals in certain circumstances.

## **There is no proposed requirement to report cattle movement within a cattle operation.**

### **Proposed NEW Requirements for Producers**

- A premises identification (PID) number obtained from your provincial government (currently mandatory in some but not all provinces)
- Must include your PID number when:
  - Purchasing approved indicators (tags)
  - Reporting information related to identification of cattle and their movement
- Report the arrival of cattle (i.e., move-in reporting) within 7 days
- If moving cattle to graze at community pasture or comingled grazing, producers will be required to report group movement for departure and return

### **No Proposed Changes to Current Regulations**

- Cattle must be tagged before leaving the site of origin
- Report tag retirement when animals are slaughtered, exported or die



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ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	CURRENT REGULATIONS	PROPOSED REGULATIONS
<b>IDENTIFYING CATTLE</b>			
Identifying cattle—general	Premises where cattle are located	Animals must be identified before leaving site of origin.	No change
Identifying cattle—receiving cattle without indicators (tags)	Tagging site	Cattle must be tagged with indicator linked to the originating site.	Cattle must be tagged with indicator linked to the originating PID and reported.
	Receiver (arriving) but not a tagging site	Re-identified cattle must be recorded.	Re-identified cattle must be reported.
Identifying cattle—when cattle lose an indicator	Premises where cattle are located	Cattle with lost indicators must have indicator replaced and be recorded.	Cattle with a lost indicator must have indicator replaced and be reported.
<b>PREMISES IDENTIFICATION</b>			
Identifying premises	Premises owner	No requirements	A PID must be reported when purchasing tags or reporting information to CLTS.
<b>MOVEMENT REPORTING</b>			
Movement <b>within</b> a cattle operation	Premises owner	No requirements	No requirements
Movement <b>off and on</b> to grazing without comingling	Premises owner	No requirements	No requirements
Movement <b>off and on</b> to comingled grazing or community pasture	Premises owner (returning and departing)	No requirements	Departing premises owner reports group movement for departure, and returning premises owner reports group movement for return.
Movement to another cattle operation	Shipper (departing)	No requirements	No requirement to report. Provide PID to transporter.
	Receiver (arriving)	No requirements	Report move-in event, including animal indicators, within 7 days.
Movement to <b>assembly</b> or auction	Shipper (departing)	No requirements	No requirements to report. Provide PID to transporter.
	Assembly or auction	No requirements	Report group movement or arrival “sighting” within 7 days.
Movement to <b>slaughter</b>	Shipper (departing)	No requirements	No requirements
	Abattoir	No requirements	Report arrival (move-in event), death or slaughter within 7 days.