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Animal Health Act

TRACEABILITY LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION REGULATION

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Definitions

1 In this Regulation,

- (a) “actual birth date” means the day, month and year of birth of livestock;
- (b) “approved tag” means a tag that meets the requirements of the Health of Animals Regulations (Canada);
- (c) “birthing start date” means the day, month and year of the first head of livestock born as part of a herd;
- (d) “Canadian Livestock Tracking System” means the database operated by the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency;
- (e) “dairy farm” means an operation, including the buildings and land occupied or used in connection with the production of milk, where dairy livestock are kept and part or all of the milk obtained from the dairy livestock is sold, offered for sale or supplied for human consumption;
- (f) “farm of origin” has the meaning set out in the Health of Animals Act (Canada);
- (g) “feedlot” means an operation that feeds more than 5000 head of livestock annually and is operated in whole or in part for the purposes of growing or finishing livestock by means other than grazing, but does not include

- (i) an overwintering site where livestock are fed and sheltered,
- (ii) a dairy farm, or
- (iii) a site for breeding livestock and their offspring;
- (h) “livestock” means cattle;
- (i) “premises” means a premises as defined in the Traceability Premises Identification Regulation;
- (j) “premises identification number” means a premises identification number as defined in the Traceability Premises Identification Regulation.

Application

2 This Regulation applies to all cattle born in Alberta on or after January 1, 2009.

Recording and reporting livestock information

3(1) A livestock owner must identify livestock following the birth of a head of livestock, keep records and report to the Minister in accordance with this section.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (5), a livestock owner must ensure that livestock are identified by an approved tag and that corresponding records required by subsection (4)(b) are created and reported to the Minister,

(a) if the livestock owner records birth dates by birthing start date, within 8 months of the birthing start date, or

(b) if the livestock owner records birth dates by actual birth date, within 90 days of the birth of each head of livestock

or before the livestock leave the farm of origin, whichever occurs first.

(3) A livestock owner must record the age of livestock by

(a) the actual birth date, or

(b) the birthing start date.

(4) A livestock owner must

(a) apply an approved tag required to be applied to the livestock in a manner that meets the requirements of the Health of Animals Regulations (Canada),

(b) record in the livestock owner’s records for each head of livestock

(i) the livestock owner’s premises identification number,

(ii) the approved tag number applied to the livestock in accordance with the Health of Animals Regulations (Canada),

(iii) the actual birth date or birthing start date for the livestock, and

(iv) the method by which the birth date is determined according to subclause (iii),

and

(c) report all information required by clause (b) to the Minister.

(5) A livestock owner may move livestock without an approved tag to a site that meets the requirements of the Health of Animals Regulations (Canada) for the purposes of having an approved tag applied to the livestock at that site and must apply an approved tag within 6 months of the birthing start date.

Feedlots

4(1) A feedlot owner must identify livestock by recording and reporting all of the following information to the Minister:

(a) the premises identification number for the feedlot;

(b) the approved tag number for each head of livestock that moves into the feedlot within 7 days of the date the livestock moves into the feedlot;

(c) the approved tag number for each head of livestock that moves out of the feedlot within 7 days of the date the livestock moves out of the feedlot, unless the head of livestock is destined for slaughter.

(2) A head of livestock is destined for slaughter if the livestock is delivered directly to a meat facility licensed under the Meat Inspection Act or to a registered establishment operating under the Meat Inspection Act (Canada) after leaving the feedlot.

Retagging

5 A person who owns, possesses or has the care or control of livestock that does not bear an approved tag must

(a) apply a new approved tag in accordance with the Health of Animals Regulations (Canada), and

(b) report to the Minister

(i) the date the new approved tag is applied to the livestock,

(ii) the new approved tag number,

(iii) the previously approved tag number, if available, and

(iv) the premises identification number of the person from whom the livestock owner or feedlot owner took possession of, custody of or control of the livestock, if available,

within 30 days of the date the new tag is applied by livestock owners or before the date the livestock leave the farm of origin, whichever is earlier, and within 7 days of the date the new tag is applied by feedlot owners or before the livestock leave the feedlot, whichever is earlier.

Records

6 Any person who is required to identify livestock under this Regulation must

- (a) retain records containing the livestock's approved tag number and the livestock's production number or other on-farm or feedlot livestock identification numbers,
- (b) correlate records required by sections 3(4)(b) and 4(1), as applicable, with records retained in clause (a) for each head of livestock, and
- (c) provide a copy of the records referred to in this section to the Minister upon request.

Reporting into the Canadian Livestock Tracking System

7 Livestock owners and feedlot owners must comply with the reporting requirements of this Regulation except the requirements of section 6(c) by reporting the required information into the Canadian Livestock Tracking System.

Offence

8(1) No person shall create false records or provide false information to the Minister or to the Canadian Livestock Tracking System for the purposes of this Regulation.

(2) Any person who contravenes section 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 is guilty of an offence.

Expiry

9 For the purpose of ensuring that this Regulation is reviewed for ongoing relevancy and necessity, with the option that it may be repassed in its present or an amended form following a review, this Regulation expires on January 31, 2014.

Coming into force

10 This Regulation comes into force on January 1, 2009.

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