

## **IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION** for ALBERTA LIVESTOCK OPERATORS

Since 2006, Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) has been providing complimentary livestock traceability support services to producers and other agri-businesses in Alberta through a team of highly-specialized Mobile Field Representatives (MFR) with first-hand experience in livestock operations. Their primary role has been to educate, train and assist regulated parties with Alberta's animal identification and livestock traceability regulatory compliance, as well as updating and submitting data to their Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) database accounts.

As a not-for-profit organization, CCIA has been managing the MFR program through the CCIA Traceability Extension Enhancement Project, which has been fully-funded by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry through the Growing Forward 2 (GF2) initiative. However, on March 31/18, the GF2 regulatory framework and all GF2-funding programs will end – including the MFR extension program in Alberta. On April 1/18, the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) will replace GF2 with new objectives, programs and funding opportunities for livestock traceability.

The awareness and understanding of traceability has been well-shared across Alberta by industry and government. Through the MFR program, CCIA has played an important role in supporting livestock operators to adopt Alberta traceability requirements and best practices in preparation for proposed animal ID and livestock traceability regulatory amendments expected in early 2019.

In the interim, CCIA is continuing to work together with industry and government to prepare livestock operators and other regulated parties for the proposed changes by recommending the following steps:

1. Apply for or confirm a premises ID number with your Alberta's premises registry at 310-FARM/3276 for your Alberta livestock premises
2. Set up or confirm a CLTS database account with CCIA by toll-free telephone at **1-877-909-2333** or email at [info@canadaid.ca](mailto:info@canadaid.ca)
3. Voluntarily acquire and complete a movement document and ensure it accompanies livestock leaving a site, or to send the movement document to the livestock's destination site
4. Voluntarily report receipt (move-in) event data to the CLTS database within seven days of receiving animals at your livestock premises
5. Voluntarily report departure (move-out) event data to the CLTS database within seven days of sending animals to a community pasture or crown grazing land

In terms of ongoing resources, CCIA continues to offer complimentary livestock traceability support and services through a team of highly-skilled, in-house Client Support Representatives by toll-free telephone at **1-877-909-2333** or at [info@canadaid.ca](mailto:info@canadaid.ca), as well as an online Resource Centre with templates and step-by-step instructions in text or video tutorial format at [support.canadaid.ca](http://support.canadaid.ca).

For more information on Alberta-specific livestock traceability requirements, please visit **Traceability Connects** at [www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app68/listings/traceability/traceability\\_map.jsp](http://www.agric.gov.ab.ca/app68/listings/traceability/traceability_map.jsp). For more information on the discontinuance of the MFR program, please contact the AF Livestock Traceability Section by telephone at **780-643-1572**.



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