

Status Update for Proposed Federal Traceability Regulations

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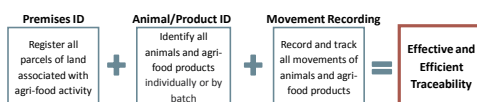
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Background

- Traceability is the ability to trace products and their associated attributes backwards and forwards through the agri-food chain
- A complete and effective traceability system requires the collection, storage and sharing of three key pieces of information:

3 Pillars of Traceability:

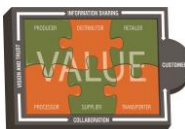


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Value of Traceability

Effective Emergency Management:

- Food safety incidents
- Natural disasters
- Disease outbreaks



Economic benefits:

- Verify product attributes and claims
- Improve operational efficiencies
- Increase market access (new / retained)
- Increase buyer confidence
- Brand protection

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OMAFRA's Role - National Traceability System

- In July 2009, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers of Agriculture committed to move forward with a mandatory national traceability system for livestock and poultry.
 - Provinces agreed to develop and maintain premises registries.

OMAFRA participation:

- Industry-Government Advisory Committee (IGAC) on Traceability.
- Federal-Provincial / Territorial Traceability Task Team.
- Staff work with Ontario industry to promote understanding of proposed traceability regulations.
- Staff communicates on behalf of Ontario with respect to readiness for proposed regulations, concerns, identifies where more support may be needed.
- Provides funding support for traceability implementation through funding programs like Growing Forward 2.

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Ontario Provincial Premises Registry (PPR)

- Available to all agri-food business owners and operators.
- Receive a unique Premises Identification Number (Premises ID) and certificate for each unique land parcel.
- Registration is voluntary and free.
- Service is available in English and French.
- Angus GeoSolutions Inc. (AGSI) is the service provider operating the Provincial Premises Registry on behalf of OMAFRA.
- Registrations: by phone 1-855-MY PPR ID (1-855-697-7743) or online at www.ontarioppr.ca.



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Proposed Federal Regulatory Amendments

- Intended to provide common foundation for cattle, bison, sheep, goats, cervids, focusing on animal health.
- Previous amendments to the federal *Health of Animals Act and Regulations* have achieved new and strengthened traceability authorities for:
 - Animal identification (cattle, bison, sheep and pigs);
 - Movement and event reporting (pigs); and
 - Information protection (strengthened authority).
- CFIA has initiated consultations on the next set of amendments:
 - Expanded requirements for cattle, bison, and sheep.
 - Addition of requirements for goats and cervids.

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CFIA's Consultation Timeline

- First consultation for proposed federal traceability regulations – Fall 2013 ← Completed
- Pre-consultation – Fall 2014 ← Completed
- Second consultation for proposed federal traceability regulations – Starting Winter 2015
- Draft regulation published in Canada Gazette, Part I – Targeting Fall/Winter 2015
- Publish final federal traceability regulations in Canada Gazette, Part II – Targeting 2016

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- Subject to change based on the consultation process

Identification:

- When leaving their farm of origin, goats younger than 12 months sent directly to an abattoir, and deadstock of goats younger than 12 months sent directly to a disposal site would be identified with:
 - An individual animal identifier (electronic or non-electronic), or
 - A non-electronic tag bearing a herd mark unique to the premises of departure.
- In all other circumstances, goats would be identified with an approved individual animal identifier.

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Animal/Product Identification

- Identification could be for an individual animal, a group of animals, or a product (e.g. milk).
- Tools that could be used:
 - Radio Frequency Identification Tags (RFID);
 - Visual ear tags (individual or group id);
 - Leg or neck bands;
 - Tattoos (individual or group); and
 - Product lot numbers.
- Proposed federal regulations will include the type of animal identification to be used for goats.
 - In consultation with industry.



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Farms:

- Movements within a farm would not need to be reported.
- Animals would not need to be identified with an approved indicator until they leave the farm of origin.
- As sheep and goats are sometimes transported from their farm of origin to non-commercial operations, the producers would report the departure of sheep and goats from the farm of origin.



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Intermediate Sites:

Auctions, assembly yards, feedlots, veterinary clinics, etc.

- Operators of intermediate sites would not report the receipt of sheep, goats or cervids.
- Operators of intermediate sites would not report the departure of animals from their sites.
- Animals not bearing approved tags when received at the intermediate site would need to be identified with an approved tag.

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Terminal Sites:

Abattoirs, rendering facilities, deadstock, etc.

- Operators of terminal sites would report the identification numbers of slaughtered animals and of dead stock received, for all five species.
- Operators of terminal sites would be required to report the location of sites where animals and deadstock were loaded.



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Next Steps for Goats - National

- Animal ID requirements and database administrator are being explored.
- Determine movement reporting requirements:
 - Minimum data set required for reporting to administrator;
 - Who reports data (shipper and/or receiver); and
 - Reporting timeframe.
- Participate in CFIA consultations with industry in 2015.
- Provide comment on draft regulations when published in Canada Gazette 1.

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Potential Next Steps in Ontario

- Determine any specific needs for goat industry in Ontario:
 - Working through Goat Traceability Committee.
 - Working with supply chain partners.
- Work to address the recommendations from the traceability feasibility and gap analysis for processors and sales barns.
- Participate in national consultation process for the proposed federal traceability regulations.
- Work with OMAFRA to communicate needs in order to support the development of the national system.

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Thank You

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