

## Livestock Traceability Quick Tips

WHAT TO DO? TIME PERIOD

#### 1. PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

Obtain a premises ID number (PID)

Contact your provincial dairy association or your provincial department of agriculture

Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta producers already have their premises identification number

#### 2. PREPARE FOR IDENTIFYING YOUR ANIMALS

Order your approved dairy tags

Contact NLID/ATQ for dairy cow/calf tags

NLID 1 877 771-6543 ATQ 1 866 270-4319

For calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry, you may order approved RFID beef tags. Contact CCIA 1 877 909-2333 or local tag dealers

#### 3. DAIRY ANIMAL BORN ON FARM

**Identify your animal** 

Must be **double-identified** with approved NLID/ATQ tags

Any calves born on farm and destined for the beef industry **may be** identified with a single RFID ear tag (approved beef tag) – Except for provinces that requires

dual tagging

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Within 7 days of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

#### 4. TAG ACTIVATION

Once calves are identified, you need to activate their tags (For age verification)

#### **RECORD** animal birth

• Animal identification number – 15 digits

ISO Code structure reads electronically as: 124 000 299999999

Country Unique ID number

7 days of birth or before it leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

- Date of animal's birth
- Premises identification number where the animal was born

### **REPORT animal birth** to the national traceability database

- Animal identification number 15 digits
- Date of animal's birth
- Premises identification number where the animal was born

**45 days of birth** or before it leaves the farm of origin, whichever occurs first

#### 5. DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION & LOST TAGS

It is prohibited to remove, or cause the removal of, approved NLID/ATQ/CCIA tags from a dairy animal

The animal is identified only by a NLID/ATQ electronic button tag (RFID) or NLID/ATQ visual panel tag

Order a replacement tag, a new visual panel tag or electronic button tag (RFID) from NLID (or ATQ in Quebec) with the same number as the remaining tag

Apply immediately when the tag is received & check that the number of the replacement tag matches the original one

The animal is identified with two official US tags starting with "840" (RFID button and visual panel tags)

Please refer to factsheet for information on lost «840» tags (approved US tags) – *Identification of Animals Imported from the USA* 

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5. DAIRY ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION & LOST TAGS (CONTINUED)		
The animal is not identified with two official tags (NLID/ATQ electronic button tag (RFID) and visual panel tags) or	The owner must purchase a set of approved dairy tags from NLID (or ATQ in Quebec) or use a set from their inventory and report the tag replacement to the national traceability database and dairy breed herdbook (if registered)	7 days following the identification of the animal or before it leaves the farm, whichever comes first
The dairy animal is identified with an RFID beef tag (yellow CCIA button)	Replacing two lost tags requires the animal's owner to report both animal identification numbers and replacement date to the national traceability database and dairy breed herdbook (if registered) so the numbers can be cross referenced	
Lost both official tags or	If the animal loses its RFID beef tag, replace with another beef tag from your inventory and report the tag replacement to the national traceability database so the numbers can be cross referenced	
6. DAIRY ANIMAL ARRIVES AT YOUR FARM		
Reception of an animal at the farm   Animal move-in		
record animal movement and REPORT to the national traceability database  ATQ in Quebec  CCIA in all other provinces	<ul> <li>Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>Date of animal's arrival</li> <li>Premises identification number of the farm of arrival</li> <li>Premises identification number of the farm of departure</li> <li>Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number</li> </ul>	7 days following the arrival of the animal or before it leaves the farm, whichever comes first
REPORT animal move-in from outside of Canada (Import Event)	<ul> <li>Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>Date of animal's arrival</li> <li>Premises identification of the farm of arrival</li> <li>Location of the site the animal was kept at before it was imported (departure)</li> <li>Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number</li> </ul>	
7. DAIRY ANIMAL DIES AT THE FARM		
Approved NLID/ATQ/CCIA tags may be removed from dead stock disposed of on-farm		
<ul> <li>RECORD animal death and REPORT</li> <li>to the national traceability database</li> <li>ATQ in Quebec</li> <li>CCIA in all other provinces</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>Date of animal's death</li> <li>Premises identification number of the farm where the animal died</li> </ul>	7 days following animal death
8. DAIRY ANIMAL IS EXPORTED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY		
REPORT animal move-out to destination outside of Canada (Export Event)	<ul> <li>Animal identification number – 15 digits</li> <li>Date of animal's departure</li> <li>Premises identification of the farm of departure</li> <li>Location to which the animals were exported (arrival)</li> <li>Vehicle (single unit) or trailer (tandem unit) licence plate number</li> </ul>	7 days following animal loading for export
* If the premises identification number is not allocated in the province you are in, provide the name and address of the location		

NATIONAL TRACEABILITY DATABASE: CCIA – www.clia.livestockid.ca or ATQ – www.atq.qc.ca for Quebec farmers DAIRY BREED HERDBOOK: contact your breed association



