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Greetings,

The following email and documents are intended to assist your Agricultural Society in negotiating all of the numerous websites, documents and information that has been provided in regard to Livestock Traceability Requirements.

Our apologies for the lateness of this document, but it has taken a considerable amount of time to verify the information that we have collected from the various CFIA and other agency sites and documents and verify with those agencies that we have captured their intent in our document. Christina Franc from CAFE has been instrumental in verifying this information and getting the information on tags and discussing the purchase of smaller quantities of tags for our OAAS Agricultural Societies. Many, many hours have gone into collecting information and creating these documents.

OAAS has worked with CAFE to create the attached documents to help answer your questions regarding exactly what our Agricultural Societies' responsibilities are to remain compliant under the CFIA Traceability Requirements.

All of the documents and fillable pdf forms can be found on our website at <https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/livestock-traceability>. For your convenience, we have attached copies of the documents as well.

The basis of an Agricultural Society's responsibilities to remain compliant with the Traceability Requirements are:

- 1) Agricultural Societies must ensure that all species of livestock – Cattle (Dairy & Beef), Sheep, Pigs (including farmed Wild Boar and pot-bellied pigs) and Bison that are being **exhibited** (Livestock shows or 4-H Programs, etc.) **or displayed** (i.e. Educational Display or Petting Zoo, etc.) on their Fairgrounds must have an approved RFID tag or identifier.
- 2) If an animal without a RFID tag is allowed entry to your Fairgrounds or loses that tag while on your Fairgrounds, the Agricultural Society **must supply** a replacement tag for that specific species of animal. (i.e. you cannot apply a Cattle tag to a Pig) to the owner/their designate so they can retag the animal immediately.
- 3) Agricultural Societies are required to record and/or report specific information regarding the Cattle, Sheep, Pigs or Bison on their property. Please see the attached documents for specific details.

Due to safety, health and liability concerns, **it is strongly recommended that the owner be responsible for applying the replacement tag** and NOT the Agricultural Society volunteers or staff. As well, we are strongly recommending that due to the same concerns, that the owner is also responsible for supplying the taggers and any required means for restraining their animal.

Since we are recommending that the owners be responsible for supplying the taggers for applying any replacement tags, please notify your exhibitors which type of tags you will have available.

These are the tags that have been suggested to us as the only and/or most commonly used. Please see the attached **“Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural Societies”** document for more information on purchasing tags

- Dairy – Ultraflex - purchase from NLID - requires a green pin with the taggers
- Beef – several different brands available - purchase from CCIA or approved Animal Indicator retailer – Allflex tags appear to be the most commonly used
- Pigs – Allflex - purchase from PigTRACE
- Sheep – Shearwell - purchase from CCWG or approved Animal Indicator retailer
- Bison – Allflex – purchase from Canadian Bison Association

IMPORTANT: According to CFIA Requirements, if your Agricultural Society has **any** of the listed species of livestock on their premises – you are required to have replacement tags on hand for those animals. We suggest you stock at least 2 replacement tags for each species.

NOTE: If you will have Dairy cattle on your fairgrounds and your fair is after August 1st – Holstein Canada will notify us before the end of July if they can offer a better deal on the NLID tag set.

If a species of animal is not exhibited or displayed on your Fairgrounds, you do not have to have replacement tags for that species.

NOTE: if a Dairy animal loses the “management” - non RFID tag – it does not have to be replaced. Only the RFID tag must be replaced if lost.

An Agricultural Society’s failure to be compliant with the Traceability Requirements can lead to warnings and/or penalties from CFIA depending on the severity of the violation. The information below is taken from the CFIA website

In the event of a violation against a regulatory requirement, four enforcement actions may be taken under the program: seizure and detention (in the event of falsified tags), letter of non-compliance, notice of violation (with or without an administrative monetary penalty) and prosecution. The level of administrative monetary penalties is set under the [Agriculture and Agri-Food Administrative Monetary Penalties Regulations](#).

How to Proceed:

As we mentioned in a previous email, if you have not already done so, – we strongly recommend that each Agricultural Society implement a Policy that no listed animal, (Dairy or Beef cattle, Sheep, or Pigs) will be allowed entrance to your Fairgrounds unless the animal has an undamaged approved RFID tag or identifier.

You should post this policy at the entrance gates to your fairs, on your website and include it in your prize book and entry forms.

NOTE: Your Agricultural Society has the choice to allow untagged animals onto your Fairgrounds, but you must provide the owner with a replacement tag immediately upon arrival.

In the case of Livestock Breed or 4-H shows, we suggest that you ask the organizers for assistance to ensure that all animals are checked prior to unloading to ensure that every animal is tagged.

The following documents and fillable pdf forms can be found on our website at <https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/livestock-traceability>. For your convenience, we have attached copies of the documents as well.

- 1) **Traceability Responsibilities for Owners and Exhibitors showing or displaying their livestock on Fairgrounds**
- 2) **Traceability Factsheet for Agricultural Societies_ July 2019**
- 3) **Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural Societies**
- 4) **Templates for Recording/Reporting required information – fillable pdf forms**
 - a. Replacement Tag Record - Ruminants (Cattle, Sheep, Bison)
 - b. Replacement Tag Record - Pigs
 - c. Animal Movement Report - Pigs (Manifest)
 - d. Animal Movement Record - Sheep
 - e. Animal Carcass Manifest - Pig Death
 - f. Animal Death Record - Cattle, Bison, Sheep
 - g. PigTRACE Manifest – may be used in place of ‘c’ or ‘e’ OAAS forms above.
- 5) **Copy of this email**

Details -

- 1) We have created a document “ **Traceability Responsibilities for Owners and Exhibitors showing or displaying their livestock on Fairgrounds**”.
We suggest that you provide a copy to all Exhibitors, preferably prior to your Fair. It clearly sets out their responsibilities as far as Traceability if they are exhibiting on a Fairgrounds in Ontario. We feel that if all owners and exhibitors checked their animals to ensure that no tags are missing or damaged prior to loading the animals at their farm and prior to unloading their animals on your fairgrounds that there should be a very slight chance of you having to provide one of your replacement tags.
- 2) We suggest you review the “ **Traceability Factsheet for Agricultural Societies_ July 2019**” first – it gives an overview of each action that is required to be compliant as well as a brief description of each action. This document has page numbers that will direct you to the sections you need to refer to in the “ **Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural Societies**” document.
- 3) The “ **Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural Societies**” gives specific information on each of the steps listed in the “ **Factsheet**” i.e. where to purchase tags and what kind to purchase, what information you are required to keep records of and how long, and what information you are required to report to the appropriate agencies, etc.
- 4) The fillable pdf forms for the records and reports that are required can be found on our website at <https://www.ontarioagsocieties.com/member-services/livestock-traceability>. For your convenience, we have attached copies of the documents as well. You are free to create your own – as long as you ensure that you collect all the required information. A sample of these are included in the attached “ **Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural Societies**” document.

We ask that you please take the time to read the “ **Traceability Factsheet for Agricultural Societies_ July 2019**” and the “ **Traceability Requirements Guide for Agricultural**

Societies” to ensure that your Agricultural Society fulfills all its responsibilities to remain compliant with the CFIA Traceability Requirements.

I apologize for the amount of material that we have sent you on this topic, but we felt that it was required to clearly present the Requirements that your Agricultural Society could have to follow depending on what species of livestock are present on your Fairgrounds,

If after reading the documents, you have further questions, you may contact your local CFIA office, your Provincial Director or myself. If you are emailing me regarding these documents, please make sure you include your Agricultural Society/ Fair name.

Future Requirements:

CFIA is also looking at future modifications to the current Requirements. It is proposed to add goats and farmed deer to the list of animals that must have approved RFID tags or identifiers. As well, it has been proposed that animal movement for additional species will have to be recorded/reported.

OAAS will be working with CAFE and our Provincial counterparts to bring forward our position that the Requirements must be changed to ensure that the owner and not the Agricultural Societies should be responsible for replacement tags and recording and reporting animal movement and deaths. After the Federal election, we will be emailing you to again contact your MP's and the Federal Ministers to support our position.

Thanks

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