



Getting Ready for Proposed Regulatory Changes

What You Need to Know About Movement Reporting in the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS)

Livestock traceability is essential for protecting animal and human health by limiting the risks and impacts of disease outbreaks, food safety concerns and natural disasters. Canada's traceability system is built on three pillars: animal identification, premises identification and movement reporting. However, gaps currently exist, including incomplete species coverage, delayed, inconsistent or lack of movement reporting and outdated record-keeping requirements.

The federal government has proposed changes to Part XV of the Health of Animals Regulations to address gaps in Canada's traceability system. Key changes include expanding regulated species to goats and cervids, requiring livestock identification, the identification and registration of premises where livestock are kept or collected, and mandatory reporting of animal movements.

The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) is committed to supporting its clients through a smooth transition as proposed regulatory changes approach. CCIA is encouraging both their current regulated species groups (beef cattle, bison and sheep) and pending regulations, cervid and goat groups to begin preparing for the incoming changes and utilizing all the tools available to them in the CLTS, which aim to help reduce the administrative burden of the incoming reporting requirements.

The agency recommends CLTS clients verify their Premises Identification Numbers (PIDs) are up to date and registered through their provincial PID registry. Once federal amendments take effect, movement reporting using PIDs will become mandatory across all sectors involved in livestock handling.

The movement record function in the CLTS is now live and available for use ahead of proposed regulatory amendments. CCIA is asking clients to begin reporting livestock movements in the CLTS and to share their feedback on the tool's usability.

"Our goal is to create a data system that supports our clients across every stage of the livestock supply chain and helps reduce the administrative burden of our clients to meet the proposed regulatory requirements when the amendments come into effect," said CCIA general manager Ashley Scott. "Starting to use the movement module now and providing feedback, strengthens traceability and ensures our clients are ready when CFIA publishes the updated regulations in *Canada Gazette Part II*."

What's new in the CLTS?

To ease the reporting burden, CCIA's new movement record module streamlines communication between producers, transporters, and destinations.

Here's how it works:

1. The source account/premises initiates the movement record in the CLTS.
2. An email notification is sent to the transporter, who inputs relevant details—without needing login credentials.
3. Once the animals are moved, the destination site, account/receiver, confirms receipt of the animals and updates the movement record with its PID submitting it as a Move-In event in the CLTS.

This workflow simplifies the process, reduces paperwork, and ensures compliance with the incoming regulatory requirements. For more information on entering movement records in the CLTS, visit support.canadaid.ca

Flexible reporting options for group movements

The movement record module can also be used to report group movements without tag numbers for certain operation types, such as assembly yards or auction marts. It enables collaborative reporting between producers, transporters, and recipients. This creates a live, shared record where each party enters their portion of the movement data, supporting integrated and flexible traceability workflows.

It complements other CLTS features:

- Individual movement reporting still exists and requires tag IDs.
- Users can also report movement events through batch uploads, the CLTS MOBO mobile app, or automated web services for software-integrated systems.

Group Movement Specification

- Auction marts and assembly yards are not required to report tag numbers but must include the total number of animals and species.
- Feedlots and other sites must report tag IDs in the Move-In event.



Working together

CCIA and national industry associations are working together to ensure industry-wide readiness. From early communication to joint system testing, the goal is to strengthen Canada's traceability system. Producers and industry stakeholders are encouraged to update their internal systems and protocols to reflect proposed movement reporting responsibilities, take part in CCIA training sessions and workshops, and stay informed as the final regulatory text is published in *Canada Gazette Part II (CGII)*.

Using the movement record in CLTS supports compliance, which protects animal health and producers' livelihoods. Accurate, timely reporting improves traceability, enabling a faster response to disease events and helping reduce the risk of economic loss. By keeping livestock movements properly recorded, producers can feel confident they are safeguarding their herd, their business and their family's well-being.

We're here to help

For more information on how to get ready for regulatory changes and explore the new movement record module, visit clts.canadaid.ca or contact CCIA's support team at 1-877-909-2333.