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Report Highlights:

Canada announced a consultation on proposed changes to the Health of Animals Regulations (Identification and Traceability), which will run from March 18, 2023 until June 16, 2023. The consultation will seek feedback on proposed amendments to the Regulations which would add goats and cervids to the regulated species due to shared diseases with already regulated species, reduce the time period for reporting a disease incidence or outbreak event, add requirements for information about geographical location of sites where animals are located, and require domestic movement reporting for livestock.

On March 18, 2023, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) opened a 90-day consultation on proposed amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations. The proposed amendments were notified in [Canada Gazette Part I](#) and additional guidance documents were published on the CFIA [website](#). The consultation will close on June 16, 2023.

CFIA is seeking to update identification and traceability requirements to improve disease surveillance activities and to enable a more efficient and effective response to disease outbreaks and food safety issues. As part of the proposed changes, goats and cervids are intended to become subject to traceability requirements given shared diseases with other regulated livestock species. CFIA also intends to shorten the time period for reporting a disease incidence or outbreak event. Requirements for reporting geographical location of sites where animals are located are proposed as is a requirement to report domestic movement of livestock.

CFIA will offer several information webinars beginning March 27, 2023. Registration is required and can be completed through the CFIA [webpage](#). Stakeholder comments can be submitted electronically on the [open consultation webpage](#) where applicable.

Additional questions can be directed to CFIA's Animal Health Directorate, Animal Health Programs Division: cfia.trace-trace.acia@inspection.gc.ca

Attachments:

No Attachments.