

## CANADIAN CATTLE IDENTIFICATION AGENCY BECOMES RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR FOR GOATS

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**Calgary, A.B.** – <u>Canadian Cattle Identification Agency</u> (CCIA) is pleased to become the Responsible Administrator for Canadian National Goat Federation (CNGF) and distributor of pre-approved goat identifiers ahead of proposed livestock traceability regulations, which may include goats in the livestock traceability category of ruminants.

"Identification and traceability regulatory amendments may include legislation for producers of meat, dairy and fibre goats in Canada. Though <u>Canadian Food Inspection Agency</u> (CFIA) has yet to confirm the details and program requirements, we anticipate CFIA to announce the final version of the proposed regulations in 2018," affirms CCIA General Manager Anne Brunet-Burgess. "We welcome goat producers to take full advantage of our full array of complimentary, one-on-one training, templates, videos and tools. CCIA works for industry."

"Livestock traceability systems are important, effective tools that can be used for many things, including the protection of animal health, public health and food safety. Though program requirements are not yet mandatory, goat producers can prepare now by applying for a premises identification number, setting up a <a href="Canadian Livestock Tracking System">Canadian Livestock Tracking System</a> (CLTS) database account, purchasing and voluntarily applying animal indicators to their herds, as well as reporting animal movement events to the database," states CNGF President Linda Underwood.

## **Quick Facts:**

- It's free to register and identify a livestock premises with a provincial/territorial government
- Goat producers can confirm or set up a CLTS database account, and order pre-regulatory indicators for voluntary application ahead of expected regulations, by contacting CCIA toll-free at 1-877-909-2333 or by email at <a href="mailto:info@canadaid.ca">info@canadaid.ca</a>
- Learn more about the goat traceability program by contacting CNGF toll-free at 1-888-839-4271 and visiting www.cangoats.com

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