



CANADIAN CATTLE IDENTIFICATION AGENCY BOOSTS ANIMAL IMPORT, MOVEMENT AND BIRTH DATE REPORTING PROCESSES

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[Canadian Cattle Identification Agency](#) (CCIA) is pleased to reveal new process enhancements within the [Canadian Livestock Tracking System](#) (CLTS) database – a robust and scalable, trace-back system designed for the containment and eradication of animal disease with a cost-effective, timely and national approach to livestock traceability event reporting.

Expanding on the improvements released at the end of 2015 to support 840-series USDA tag identification (ID) numbers, CCIA has enabled system users to submit an Import event for any [foreign country tag ID numbers](#). The supported format is 15 digits in length, starting with the country code (e.g., 554002123456789 for New Zealand). CCIA Information Technology Manager Waseem Rehman confirms, "After a foreign ID tag number has had an Import event applied to it, the tag number may also be reported using Move In, Move Out, Temporary Export, Export and Retire events. Users will also be able to use a variety of database functions for foreign country tag ID numbers – like Canadian tags."

"Another change supports final owners. Since an animal can be moved through various owners and locations before its life cycle is complete, and current regulations permit the farm of origin only to age verify an animal, a final owner may receive less than market value for an incorrectly age-verified animal at the terminal site if the farm of origin does not correct the birth-date data entry error within the CLTS," asserts CCIA General Manager Anne Brunet-Burgess. "Further to the date selection tool we released last year, we have now added a digital alert designed to prevent duplicate birth-date data entry reporting on the same tags. This update protects the financial returns of an animal's final owner while maximizing data integrity."

QUICK FACTS:

- CLTS users may now verify their data entry by opting to receive a single, daily email notification showing the previous day's transaction submission summary.
- CCIA-approved tag dealers may now issue approved tags to abattoirs with CLTS accounts.
- CLTS users may now submit movement events for Quebec-born animals.
- CLTS users that are dead stock operators, pathology labs and veterinary hospitals, may now report a secondary Retire event to the CLTS database.

"Event reporting is time-sensitive and until now, had to occur in sequence. Tag dealers issue the tag, then livestock operators may report Move In and Move Out, depending on provincial/territorial and federal regulations or herd management practices. Previously, if a user reported an event outside of the sequence, a database error would occur, and no other event could be associated with the tag until the error was corrected. Effective immediately, the CLTS will now accept animal movement event dates that occur before a tag number's Retire event date. This change allows users to report movement data at any time, which can be critical to trace-backs that occur after an animal's life cycle is complete," states CCIA Chair Mark Elford. "With steady technical advancements, CCIA is continuing to reduce data reporting complexities while increasing ease of compliance."

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[Canadian Cattle Identification Agency](#) is a not-for-profit, industry-initiated and led organization incorporated to establish a national beef and dairy cattle, bison and sheep identification program to support efficient trace back and containment of serious animal health and food safety concerns in the Canadian herd. The agency is led by a board of directors made up of representatives from all sectors of the livestock industry and it manages the [Canadian Livestock Tracking System](#) database, which is a trace-back system that maintains approved radio frequency identification tag information pertaining to the three pillars of traceability (i.e., animal identification, premises identification and movement), as well as value-assurance information (e.g., age verification).

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