



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

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[Canadian Cattle Identification Agency](#) (CCIA) is pleased to announce important process enhancements for event reporting within the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) database – a 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.

As of November 20/15, the CLTS database will fully support 840-series USDA tag identification (ID) numbers. This means CLTS users will be able submit an Imported event for USDA tag ID numbers that are formatted 15 digits in length, starting with 840, followed by any 12 digits (i.e., 840002123456789). Following these changes, after a USDA identification tag has had an imported event applied to it in the CLTS database, the Move In, Move Out, Temporary Export, Exported and Retired events could also be applied to it. CLTS users will be able to use the Tag/Animal History Search, Export Manifest and Account Animal Inventory functions in the database for 840 tags.

“To facilitate industry compliance with proposed animal movement reporting regulations, my highly-specialized team has also developed a field to record the transport vehicle’s licence plate number, which will support Import, Export, Temporary Export, Move In and Move Out reporting within the CLTS database. Since the details of the proposed regulations have yet to be finalized, we have created this new field to be optional at this time,” CCIA Information Technology Manager Waseem Rehman confirms.

“We are working together with industry and governments to maximize age verification data integrity. Potentially, an animal can be moved through multiple owners and locations before its life cycle is complete. Since current regulations permit the farm of origin *only* to age verify an animal, the final owner – often a feedlot – can receive less than market value for an incorrectly age verified animal at the terminal site, *unless* the final owner is able to contact the animal’s farm of origin for error correction within the CLTS database. This can significantly impact speed of commerce and financial returns. To promote accuracy during data entry, our IT group has created a new warning message display and date selection feature for the birth date reporting process,” asserts CCIA Board Chair Dr. Pat Burrage. “It’s a gap-stop designed to optimize a final owner’s revenues and CLTS data integrity.”

“To help tag dealers verify CLTS accounts at the time of tag sale and issuance, we have also added an optional field for contact name,” states CCIA General Manager Anne Brunet-Burgess. “We are here to support all members of the value chain by offering complimentary livestock traceability support services to approved tag dealers; beef and dairy cattle, bison and sheep producers; auctions, feedlots, backgrounders, assembly yards, buying stations, electronic sales, export centres and tagging sites; 4-H clubs, exhibitions, fairs, rodeos, veterinary clinics and artificial insemination units; importers, pathology labs, quarantine and research facilities, test stations, rest/feed/water sites as well as airports and any other conveyance points. Call us toll-free telephone at 1-877-909-2333 or email at [info@canadaid.ca](mailto:info@canadaid.ca). We welcome your contact.”

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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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