



## CANADIAN CATTLE IDENTIFICATION AGENCY SUPPORTS TAGGING SITES TO CONFIRM TAGGING SITE STATUS

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**Calgary, Alberta, June 24, 2014** – [Canadian Cattle Identification Agency](#) (CCIA) is pleased to announce its full support for tagging sites as they confirm their tagging site status within the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS) database to meet the amended section 183 (Tagging Sites) of the *Health of Animals Regulations*, which comes into force July 1, 2014. While the CFIA provides full regulatory enforcement for animal identification as defined in the *Health of Animals Regulations*, CCIA administers the identification program for beef and dairy cattle, bison and sheep, and manages the CLTS database, which is a trace-back system that maintains radio frequency identification tag information for the containment and eradication of animal disease with a cost-effective, timely and national approach. The CLTS database was developed and is wholly-owned by CCIA.

“Since July 2010, all cattle must be tagged with an approved radio frequency identification CCIA tag prior to moving from their current location or leaving their farm of origin, including those going to community pasture, exhibition site, test station or veterinary clinic. In response to industry concern that many herd owners do not have suitable facilities to restrain cattle for tagging, provision was made to allow the establishment of approved tagging sites at intermediate sites across Canada,” affirms CCIA General Manager Brian Caney. “Tagging sites play an important role in animal identification and with ensuring that approved tags are properly applied to cattle and bison that have not been tagged prior to being transported as well as ensuring data integrity by recording all such applications. To ensure cattle and bison producers are aware of and have access to local tagging sites, CCIA will be responsible to maintain and publish a list of all approved tagging sites as per the amended section 183 (Tagging Sites) of the Regulations as of July 1, 2014. The Tagging Site List will be posted online at [http://www.canadaid.ca/dealers/tagging\\_sites.html](http://www.canadaid.ca/dealers/tagging_sites.html) and [http://www.canadaid.ca/fr/fournisseurs/sites\\_detiquetage.html](http://www.canadaid.ca/fr/fournisseurs/sites_detiquetage.html), respectively.”

As of July 1, 2014, **tagging site status** will refer to an intermediate site that has self-identified and self-declared that they are in fact a tagging site and that they meet and will comply with the requirements under section 183 of the Regulations by reviewing, completing and returning the [Tagging Site Declaration, Waiver and Release](#) form to CCIA and the name of the site is published on the Tagging Site List. The Tagging Site Declaration, Waiver and Release form provides written authorization indicating the site meets CFIA-regulatory requirements.

“The tagging site’s authority to issue approved CCIA RFID tags and report that information to the CLTS database remains the same. Tagging sites that issue approved tags are subject to requirements under section 174.1 of the Regulations. If a tagging site sells approved CCIA RFID tags, that tagging site must become a CCIA-approved tag dealer to comply with CFIA regulations. Our key message to all tagging sites is: If you sell approved CCIA RFID tags to customers but you are not a CCIA-approved tag dealer, please contact us by toll-free telephone at 1-877-909-2333 or email at [tags@canadaid.ca](mailto:tags@canadaid.ca). We will walk you through process to become a CCIA-approved tag dealer and provide educational tools and resources to support you to meet CFIA regulations moving forward,” states Brian Caney.

As a not-for-profit, industry-initiated organization led by a board of directors made up of representatives from all sectors of the livestock industry, CCIA fully supports this critical initiative that assists cattle and bison producers to become aware of and have access to local tagging sites and meet provincial and federal livestock traceability regulations. Moving forward, CCIA will continue to work with industry and government to provide the necessary tools and solutions that support industry’s participation in the national system.

**For more information on the [Health of Animals Regulations](#), please visit [http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,\\_c.\\_296/](http://laws.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._296/).**

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