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Preparing for SheepTrace Information for Markets, Processors and Industry Partners

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SheepTrace will support the continuation of existing mandatory sheep traceability reporting by livestock markets, dealers, processors, abattoirs and other industry participants. As CSF prepares to administer the national program, maintaining the current regulatory requirements and reporting responsibilities remains the priority.

The rules are not changing

The change in administrator and reporting technology does not alter existing federal traceability requirements, either before or after operational cutover. Until specific instructions are issued, industry participants must continue using CLTS and their current reporting procedures.

The new reporting environment

The SheepTrace reporting system will be powered by AgroLedger, technology CSF has developed since 2020. AgroLedger is ready for producer use. The migration of existing sheep records from CLTS to AgroLedger is underway, while other operational transition tasks continue.

Continuity of existing reporting responsibilities

Livestock markets, dealers, processors, abattoirs and other industry participants will continue to be responsible for the traceability reporting activities currently required of them under federal regulations. The transition to SheepTrace does not introduce new reporting obligations or expand the information these participants are legally required to submit. What will change is the system through which required sheep traceability information is reported and managed. SheepTrace will provide guidance on using the new system to carry out existing reporting responsibilities before the operational transition. Until specific instructions are issued, continue submitting required information through CLTS using established procedures.

Resources and support

An AgroLedger user manual and how-to videos are being added to the Resources page on SheepTrace.ca this week. Two dedicated full-time staff begin November 2 and, after onboarding and training, will assist with questions and reporting. Enquiries may be sent to info@sheeptrace.ca; dedicated support availability will be confirmed.

What to do now

Continue reporting required sheep traceability information through CLTS using existing procedures. Share this notice with staff responsible for required traceability submissions. Review the SheepTrace FAQs and resources, and watch for instructions on performing those same reporting activities in the new system ahead of the planned December 9 cutover.

More information

The authoritative source for current transition guidance is SheepTrace.ca.

CURRENT GUIDANCE • Continue reporting through CLTS until SheepTrace issues instructions.
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