

# ACTION ITEMS

Cross-Border Livestock Health  
Working Group 2017



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Action Items	Project Lead	Status
<p><b>E-Certification</b></p> <p>1</p> <p>A) Support continued ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION and e-commerce progress in both U.S. and Canada.</p> <p>B) Identify ways to improve the service and facilities (to minimize stock injuries) provided by the CFIA and USDA at the border crossings (including hours of service and other related issues).</p> <p>C) Suggest pre-clearance of live animal cross border trade (either direction) and eliminate the need to unload or hold animals in conveyance for an extended time at the border.</p> <p>D) Industry and Government should collaborate on an outreach effort to educate industry on the upcoming e-certification systems</p> <p>E) Encourage CFIA/USDA to improve consistency of inspection between the Ports of Entry by border veterinarians on the northern border &amp; improve service for emergency after hour calls</p>		<p>In progress</p>
<p><b>March 1999 Rule</b></p> <p>2</p> <p>Eliminate the requirement to prove that live cattle exported to the U.S. are born after March 1999. Veterinary officials from USDA have acknowledged there is no risk of BSE transmission from the nearly zero number of 18+ year-old cattle and have verbally advised CFIA to assume that cattle are in compliance with the requirement to be born after March 1999.</p>		<p>In progress</p>

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<p>3</p> <p><b>Removal of CAN Brand Requirement</b></p> <p>For trade in purebred breeding cattle there would be significant benefit of ensuring that all states harmonize with the USDA-APHIS regulation that provides an option of permanent identification in the form of either a CAN brand or ear tattoo.</p>		<p>In progress</p>
<p>4</p> <p><b>FMD/FAD Preparedness</b></p> <p>Collaboration to create tri-lateral government/industry (state/provincial/federal) meetings to actively work towards enhanced FMD preparedness. PNWER CBLHC supports the strengthening of the North America Vaccine Bank (US) &amp; supports the creation of association PLANS, producer GUIDELINES and the Beef Industry Secretariat for FMD/FAD Preparedness (CAN)</p>		<p>In progress</p>
<p>5</p> <p><b>Truck Cleaning Protocols</b></p> <p>Request update from CFIA related to truck cleaning/washing/disinfecting requirements. Monitor progress/recommendations made by the Cross-Border Biosecurity Working group</p>		<p>In progress</p>
<p>6</p> <p><b>Artificial Insemination &amp; Embryo Transfer</b></p> <p>Artificial Insemination Centres there remains a 10 day wait for an in-transit permit from the U.S. Multi-use permits for embryos and semen need to be explored. Certified semen collection quarantine times must be shortened.</p>		<p>In progress</p>