



# *Regulatory Cooperation Council Update*

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## OVERVIEW

- What is the goal of the RCC?
  - Facilitate cooperation
  - Enhance competitiveness
- **COMMITMENT** at the highest level.
- The first phase of RCC- Joint Action Plan:
  - Comprised of 29 initiatives and covered a wide range of regulatory work from transportation to agriculture.
  - Served as a template for future efforts between Canada and the United States.



### OVERVIEW (continued)

- Joint forward plan released August 29, 2014. Seeks to foster new approaches to regulatory cooperation.
- Covers a 3-5 year time frame, targeting four key areas of regulatory business
  - Increased cooperation and understanding between CFIA and U.S. counterparts with respect to regulatory process, policies and programs;
  - Consistency of regulatory practices and approaches;
  - Cooperation on development of plant health, animal health, food safety standards; and
  - Identify strategies for overcoming barriers to cooperation and regulatory alignment.
- Three specific work plans for animal health



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## WORK STREAM A: ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION Electronic Service Delivery Platform (ESDP)

- The CFIA is developing an Electronic Service Delivery Platform (ESDP) that will support electronic certification.
- Moving towards a digital first approach, ESDP will streamline the tools for stakeholders requesting services from the Agency.
- The CFIA is moving towards a single export certification process supported by online tools and a centralized administrative function that will allow:
  - exporters to apply online for export certificates and monitor the status of their applications;
  - export requirements to be available online at the time of application; and
  - export requests to be processed by a centralized Centre.



## WORK STREAM A: ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION Timelines

- The CFIA will roll out ESDP in four releases; the first release is planned for the end of 2016:
- Targeted commodity sectors will be able to enroll and apply for permissions
- CFIA inspectors will begin to input their inspection findings directly into the ESDP database, through standardized worksheets on rugged tablets
- Future releases expanding to add more commodity sectors are scheduled for:
  - Spring 2017
  - Fall 2017
  - End of 2017



## WORK STREAM A : ELECTRONIC CERTIFICATION

### Progress to Date

- Commitments to work collaboratively on electronic certification have been finalized through the RCC work plan.
- The CFIA and United States Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS) agreed to develop a pilot project for Electronic Exchange of Export Certificates (EEEC) for cattle and bison exports from Canada to the US.
- This product/service began on July 7, 2014, with service available through four Canadian Ports of Entry (POE).
- The EEEEC was expanded in December 2015 to facilitate cattle imports from the US to Canada (using the same POE).
- The CFIA and USDA-APHIS also agreed to implement a project to use copies of electronically signed US cattle export certificates in order to facilitate cattle imports from the US to Canada. The project start December 1, 2015 for cattle import transactions through Four (4) Canadian/US Ports of Entry already using EEEEC.
- The EEEEC project will be replaced when ESDP is launched.



## WORK STREAM B: FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE (FAD) ZONING

### **Objective:**

- To ensure that Canada and the United States are protected against FADs and that, in the event of a disease outbreak in either country, bilateral trade can continue between zones that are free of the disease.

### **Outcome:**

- Work towards establishing a common framework for zoning for foreign animal diseases (FADs), to apply to both Canada and the United States.





## WORK STREAM B: FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE (FAD) ZONING

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Evaluation of Veterinary Infrastructure and Zoning Processes in the United States and Canada.
- An arrangement between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) outlining the intention of each to recognize the other's zoning decisions in the event of a highly contagious FAD outbreak.
- A Framework to guide implementation of the Arrangement
- Used the first time by Canada in December 8, 2014 during the BC AI outbreak
- Canada recognized zones in US during the outbreaks along the Pacific and Mississippi flyway – *more than 50 RCC zoning agreements signed*
- US had recognized the 2 AICZs in Ontario in April-May 2015
- After-action in peace time to discuss ways for improvement.
- *Four QUADS countries sign the arrangement to recognize zones for foreign animal disease outbreaks*



## WORK STREAM B: FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE (FAD) ZONING

DATE	PROVIENCE	STRAIN	TYPE	FARMS INFECTED	BIRDS AFFECTED	OUTBREAK COST	EXPORT CERTIFICATES SUSPENDED
<b>Feb., 2004</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>H7N3</b>	<b>HP</b>	<b>42 Commercial farms 11 non-commercial farms</b>	<b>16.2M</b>	<b>\$380M</b>	<b>100</b>
November, 2005	BC	H5N2	LP	2 Duck farms	55,800		
September, 2007	SK	H7N3	HP	1 Broiler breeder farm	49,100		
January, 2009	BC	H5N2	LP	2 Turkey fams	57,339		
November, 2010	MB	H5N2	LP	1 Turkey breeder	7400		
<b>Dec., 2014</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>H5N2</b>	<b>HP</b>	<b>11 commercial farms 2 non-commercial farms</b>	<b>245600 180</b>	<b>\$20.7M</b>	<b>30</b>
April, 2015	Ontario	H5N2	HP	3 Farm-Turkey and Broiler Breeders	79,700		
July, 2016	Ontario	H5N2	LP	1 Duck Farm	14,000		



## WORK STREAM B: FOREIGN ANIMAL DISEASE (FAD) ZONING

### MOVING FORWARD

#### Short-Term:

- Finalize the **“Framework for Implementing and Maintaining the Arrangement between Canadian Food Inspection Agency and United States Department of Agriculture for the Recognition of Foreign Animal Disease Control and Eradication Zones** based upon comments received via the consultation process.
- Conduct an ‘after-action’ assessment including the effectiveness and lessons learned of the Arrangement and Framework during the recent avian influenza outbreaks in the United States and Canada.

#### Mid/Long-term focus:

- In order to facilitate the recognition of future zoning decisions, CFIA and USDA-APHIS will work in collaboration with disease and economic modeling experts in the North American Virtual Animal Disease Modelling Center (NAVADMC) to develop the foundation for targeted consequence assessments to inform certain zoning decisions.
- Working with various specialists and stakeholders, CFIA and USDA-APHIS will identify and develop joint training and/or simulation exercises for all stakeholders, including federal, provinces/states and industry, depending on the individual activity to build trust and credibility in the Arrangement.
- Re-sign the Arrangement set to expire in October 2017.



## WORK STREAM CB: EMERGENCY TRANSIT OF LIVE ANIMALS THROUGH CANADA OR USA

**Objective: Negotiate a bilateral arrangement between CFIA and USDA that would allow emergency transit of live animals through Canada or USA.**

### **Short-Term:**

- Discussions have been initiated between CFIA and USDA-APHIS, and industry stakeholders on both sides of the border to discuss various options available to develop and implement policies that would allow safe movement of animals.

### **Mid/Long Term:**

- This project would allow the development of simple and practical policies for moving animals between Canada and the USA in case of an emergency.
- This may include
  - Assessment of operational capabilities on both sides of the Canada/US border to allow safe transit.
  - Simulating emergency scenarios and understanding the effectiveness of the policies at an operational level would also be undertaken.
  - Having procedures accepted in advance by both countries would avoid last minute requests and would help save animals or maintain management systems in the affected country.

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