



proAction® Traceability 101

The final proAction® Livestock Traceability requirement is tag retirement for dairy animals that die and are disposed of on-farm, or that are exported. During a cattle health emergency, valuable time can be wasted searching for animals that may be dead or that have been exported to another country. Through tag retirement, dead or exported animals bearing a unique identification number are recorded and reported as retired. If an animal is exported, the animal no longer needs to remain active in the National Traceability Database. Knowing that an identification number is retired saves valuable response time during an animal health crisis.

Dairy Animal Death and Disposal On-farm



Within seven (7) days after an animal dies and is disposed of on-farm, producers must **RECORD** the animal death and **REPORT** it to the National Traceability Database (ATQ in Quebec and CCIA in all other provinces). Recording and reporting must include the animal's unique identification number, date of the animal's death, and the Premises ID of the location of where the animal died.

Please note: If deadstock is picked up by a renderer, the carcass needs to be identified with an activated RFID tag before it leaves the farm of origin. There is no producer requirement to report the tag retirement (recording and reporting) as this reporting becomes the responsibility of the renderer at this point.

Animal exported to another country

Within seven (7) days after loading an animal for export, producers must **REPORT** animal move-out to destinations outside of Canada. Recording and reporting must include the animal's unique identification number, date of animal's departure, Premises ID of the farm or departure site, location to which the animal was exported (arrival), and vehicle or trailer license plate number.

On-farm tag retirement records should be kept for a minimum of five (5) years – 10 years for farmers in Alberta.

When reporting tag retirement information, Quebec producers report through ATQ's customer service or SimpliTrace at <https://simplitrace.atq.qc.ca/login>. For all other provinces, reporting to the CCIA is done through CLTS at www.clia.livestockid.ca.

Still have questions about proAction traceability?

For the remaining two e-blasts, we would like to focus on answering any questions you may still have. Please send your questions to Imarkle@holstein.ca and we will do our best to answer them over the next two weeks!



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