PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION AND PROCEDURES FOR THE STABILIZATION INSURANCE PRODUCT FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE

General Information

Animals for the product Feeder Cattle and Slaughter Cattle are monitored using a permanent identification system. The entry of animals into a feeding operation and their marketing for purposes other than slaughter must be reported to La Financière agricole du Québec (FADQ) on the *Formulaire de transaction des animaux vivants* form. Please note that your declaration can be made electronically by using a software program approved for this purpose by La Financière agricole. A list of approved software is available on the FADQ website. For animals that are slaughtered, slaughter data are sent to FADQ by **Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec (PBQ)**.

Obligations as stipulated by the Regulation respecting the identification and traceability of certain animals:

- > Identify animals using tags intended for bovine production.
- Make declarations of birth within prescribed periods (for cow-calf producers).
- > Report cattle entries onto one of your operation's sites (purchases in Québec and outside Québec).
- Report tag replacements and mortalities to the ATQ within 7 days of the mortality or the replacement with the new identifier⁽¹⁾

Note that declarations of births and live animal entries and exits (Québec and outside Québec) received at FADQ are forwarded to Agri-Traçabilité Québec (ATQ). However, it is your responsibility to fulfill the obligations and time limits stipulated by the Regulation respecting the identification and traceability of certain animals. For more information, please see the following document on the Agri-Traçabilité Québec website: Obligations des éleveurs et gardiens de bovins.

(1) Replacements and mortalities must also be reported to FADQ.

Evaluation of Insurable Volume

For the purpose of determining the insurable volume, you must declare to La Financière agricole, the **identification number** of all cattle bought or sold, their **sex**, their **weight**, **date and type of transaction**, **origin and destination site numbers**:

- Provide the individual weight of each steer. For an homogenous lot, an average weight may be accepted. The weight declared must match the weight at the transaction date, that is the weight for which payment was made.
- The minimal entry weight gain is 204 kg (450 lb) for a calf purchased outside the operation and 340.2 kg (750 lb) for a calf born on the farm.
- > For cattle to be eligible, weight gain must be at least 45 kg (100 lb) and the length of time spent in the operation must be at least 60 days.
- In all cases, the length of time spent in the livestock operation must not exceed 600 days.
- The carcass weight at slaughter must be at least 204 kg (450 lb) and the exit weight is limited to a maximum of 794 kg (1,750 lb).

Sale of Breeding Subjects

- The exit weight of females born on the farm and sold alive to a cow-calf operation must not exceed a maximum of 363 kg (800 lb).
- Animals evaluated by the Programme d'analyse des troupeaux de boucherie du Québec (PATBQ) and sold for breeding purposes are insurable up to a maximum exit weight of 589.7 kg (1,300 lb) for females having obtained a postweaning cumulative index and of 680 kg (1,500 lb) for males.

Minimum Insurable

The minimal weight gain on an annual basis is 7 802 kg (17 200 lb) for an operation which only participates in the insurance product Feeder Cattle and Slaughter Cattle and 680 kg (1 500 lb) for an operation that participates in both Feeder Cattle and Slaughter Cattle and Cow Calf products.

Participation Terms

- > The live animal transaction form (paper or electronic version) must be sent to La Financière agricole within 45 days following the purchase or sale of cattle.
- For an animal born on the farm, the declaration must be sent within **45 days following the date** on which the animal reaches 318 kg (700 lb).
 - However, to maintain your Cow-Calf file up-to-date and to respect the Regulation respecting the identification and traceability of certain animals, the form must be sent to FADQ as soon as possible after the calves are born.
- ➤ If the required documents are not sent to La Financière agricole within the prescribed periods, a reduction in the weight gain will be applied at a rate of **1.41 kg (3.11 lb)** per day of delay for each animal concerned, up to a maximum of 90.7 kg (200 lb).
- > Supporting documents for slaughters not paid by the cattle sales agency must be sent to Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec, at the latest, by the March, 31 following the end of the insurance year.
- Any supporting documents used to regularize a transaction must be sent to La Financière agricole or Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec at the latest by October 31 following the end of the insurance year in question.
- When a transaction is transmitted electronically, supporting documents necessary for the control of the transaction must be sent to FADQ. These documents can be mailed, faxed or sent via a scanned file. The transaction number generated by the software must be specified.

CHECKLIST FOR CATTLE ENTRY TO AND EXIT FROM FEEDING OPERATIONS

TYPE OF EVENT OR TRANSACTION	ACTIONS TO TAKE	DOCUMENTS TO BE TRANSMITTED WITH THE FORM
Birth	Complete the "Formulaire de transaction des animaux vivants" form (paper or electronic version) by entering the date of birth and birth weight of each calf. Send it to FADQ(") as soon as possible to maintain your Cow-Calf file up-to-date and to respect the Regulation respecting the identification and traceability of certain animals. (*) Information regarding births will be forwarded to the ATQ by FADQ.	Send only the completed "Formulaire de transaction des animaux vivants" form. At FADQ, weight gain and breeding duration will be cumulated starting at the time the animal reaches an estimated weight of 340.2 kg (750 lb).
Purchase¹ or sale to an auction by the participant or by a broker	Complete the "Formulaire de transaction des animaux vivants" form (paper or electronic version). Send the form to FADQ within 45 days following the animals' purchase or sale along with the documents specified in the next column. N. B.: Animals' receipt must be reported to the ATQ within 7 days following their arrival or before their exit from the operation, whichever is earlier.	Purchase or sale to an auction by the participant □ Auction's detailed invoice indicating the number of animals, the individual weights and the price. Purchase or sale to an auction by a broker □ Auction's detailed invoice (made out to the broker) indicating the number of animals, the individual weights and the price. □ Invoice of the transaction between the broker and the participant.
Purchase ¹ or sale by the participant or by a broker	 Complete the "Formulaire de transaction des animaux vivants" form (paper or electronic version). Send the form to FADQ within 45 days following the animals' purchase or sale along with the documents specified in the next column. N. B.: Animals' receipt must be reported to the ATQ within 7 days following their arrival or before their exit from the operation, whichever is earlier. 	The purchase or sale invoice indicating the number of animals, the price and the weight. The delivery bill signed by the trucker indicating the number of animals delivered and the license number from the Ministère des Transports. The weighing slip (full truck, empty truck) from the same scale, legal for trade.
Purchase or sale between insured producers of the product Feeder Cattle and Slaughter Cattle	Buyer: complete the "Formulaire de transaction des animaux vivants" form (paper or electronic version) and have section 6 completed by the seller. Seller: complete the "Formulaire de transaction des animaux vivants" form (paper) and have section 6 completed by the seller. For that type of transaction, only the buyer can make the declaration electronically.	 Provide the weighing slip (full truck, empty truck) from the same scale, legal for trade. Provide a purchase or sales invoice indicating the number of animals, the weight and the price. The buyer and the seller must send the copy of the form to their respective service centre.
Sale of breeding subjects	 Complete the "Formulaire de transaction des animaux vivants" form (paper or electronic version). Send the form to FADQ within 45 days following the animals' purchase or sale along with the documents specified in the next column. Female without a PATBQ evaluation. Female or a male evaluated at the farm by PATBQ. Bull evaluated in a CEB-multisource (station) 	 Sales invoice with the buyer's contact information with: 1. Proof of weighing on a legal for trade scale (full truck, empty truck). 2. The PATBQ "Calves birth and weight report" (R1.01). 3. The bull's performance sheet, indicating the official end-of-test weight.
Slaughterhouses ²	Sale paid for by Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec (PBQ) Notify the sales agency as usual. The slaughter data is automatically sent to FADQ by the sales agency (no document to send). Sale not paid for by Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec (PBQ) Send les documents specified in the next column as soon as possible after the sale (at the latest by March 31 that follows the end of the insurance year) to the following address: Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec (PBQ),555, boulevard Roland-Therrien, bureau 305, Longueuil, J4H 4G2 − Tel.: 450 679-0530, Fax: 450 442-3546.	Sale not paid for by Les Producteurs de bovins du Québec (PBQ) □ Graded cattle: the grading certificate original, indicating the identification numbers, duly completed and signed by the person in charge of grading. □ Non-graded cattle: the slaughter forms, indicating the identification numbers, duly completed and signed, and the invoice. □ Mention your client number from La Financière agricole. Animals slaughtered for contract in a local slaughterhouse and those sold directly to consumers are not eligible.

¹ If purchased cattle come from Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta, they must be weighed upon their arrival in Québec, before their entry into the livestock operation. The starting weight of the cattle corresponds to the Québec weight increased by 3.2%.

² The rate of yield is 57.5% for cattle slaughtered in Canada and 60.5% for cattle slaughtered in the United States.