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- The Canadian National Goat Federation Board has held four teleconferences via Zoom so far in 2022:
  - January 12 (AGM)
  - February 9
  - March 9
  - May 11
- CNGF 2022 Executive:
  - President:** ANTON SLINGERLAND <[milknkids@execulink.com](mailto:milknkids@execulink.com)>
  - Treasurer / Past President:** DIRK BOOGERD <[dirkboogerd@gmail.com](mailto:dirkboogerd@gmail.com)>
  - Vice-President:** KERRY O'DONNELL <[kod@sasktel.net](mailto:kod@sasktel.net)>
- CNGF membership fees for 2022 are the same as for 2021, and are based on the total number of individual memberships for 2021:
  - \$225 for less than 20 members
  - \$450 for 20-30 members
  - \$675 for 30-50 members
  - \$900 for over 50 members
  - \$1125 for national organizations (CMGA, CGS)
- E-transfers for payments can be sent to: [info@cangoats.com](mailto:info@cangoats.com)
- The CNGF office and all bookkeeping is located in Annaheim, Saskatchewan and all written correspondence should be addressed to:
  - Canadian National Goat Federation**
  - PO Box 61
  - 636 Main Street
  - Annaheim, SK S0K 0G0

- **CFIA changes to import requirements for small ruminants** – As of November 10, 2021, Option 2c, for the import of male small ruminants from any premises in the U.S., is under review and is no longer available until further notice (*Requirements for Small Ruminants Imported From the United States for Breeding, Domestic or Captive Purposes-TAHD-DSAT-IE-2007-5-6*).
  - **December 2021** – CNGF and other small ruminant industry stakeholders took part in two teleconferences with CFIA to provide further information regarding the suspension of Option 2C for the import of male small ruminants into Canada and to discuss alternatives/solutions for breeders importing genetics from the US.
  - **February 2022** – CNGF assisted with translation and distribution of CFIA survey/questionnaire
  - **February 2022** – Formal letter sent from the Small Ruminant Group (Canadian Sheep Breeders Association, Canadian Goat Society, Canadian Meat Goat Association, CNGF, Canadian Sheep Federation) to CFIA's Senior Veterinary Officer and National Veterinary Program Specialist
    - Included details and rationale for the Small Ruminant Industry's Recommended Option 2C Alternatives:
      1. Add to Option 2B, the ability to import male goats of genotypes S146 and K222 as determined by testing completed by a laboratory recognized by the USDA.
      2. Reinstatement of Option 2C for both sheep and goat producers who have achieved Level Certified in the SFCP.
      3. Grandfather in access to Option 2C for producers in the SFCP 'pipeline' at the time the suspension of the option was announced, regardless of level achieved.
  - **May 2022** – CFIA is very pleased with the number of responses received from the sheep and goat industry. They are currently in the process of analyzing responses, as well as the data from CFIA field operation about the use of option 2C from across the country. In the questionnaire, respondents shared with them a number of challenges that our industries are facing, and they will do their best to keep these in mind as they develop options. They also wanted to share that the review generated an unforeseen amount of additional tasks, and consequently, is taking longer than originally anticipated. They hope to reach out in the upcoming weeks to book a call to discuss next steps.

... [click here for Scrapie info](#)  
available on CFIA website

- **May 2022** – CFIA has updated its forward regulatory plan for traceability. The plan is for the amendments to the Health of Animals Regulations, Part XV (livestock identification and traceability) to go into Canada Gazette 1 in Fall of 2022. There will then be a formal 90 day comment period on the draft regulations.
  - o Once they have a better idea of the exact date of publication, they will be having a RIC meeting, including CNGF representatives. At that meeting, they will share some of the draft guidance that has been prepared and the consultation outreach plan to meet with as many stakeholders as possible during the consultation period.
  - o Further info: [https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/acts-and-regulations/forward-regulatory-plan/2022-to-2024/eng/1505738163122/1505738211563#a1\\_5\\_3](https://inspection.canada.ca/about-cfia/acts-and-regulations/forward-regulatory-plan/2022-to-2024/eng/1505738163122/1505738211563#a1_5_3)
  - o After comments received/implemented following publication in CG1, final regulations will be published in Canada Gazette 2 (CG2) and no further changes to regulations will be possible.
- **March 9, 2022** – CNGF board met with CCIA GM Anne Brunet-Burgess to touch base. CCIA is the responsible administrator for goat traceability in Canada.
  - o CCIA's three main responsibilities:
    - Database (CLTS = Canadian Livestock Tracking System) where info is received, kept safe and private, made available to CFIA
    - Indicators – tags, leg bands – CCIA's support includes dealing with complaints and concerns
    - Communication – main goal is to teach/help everyone to be compliant with traceability regulations. This includes teaching how to report information to the database. CCIA are not enforcers or regulators – that is CFIA's role.
  - o Once regulatory amendments are finally approved CCIA will look to CNGF for direction on how to contact goat producers to keep them informed of traceability regulations.
  - o Tag distribution process at CCIA will be changing on July 11, 2022 – currently distribution is done through a 3rd party but in July all tags will be distributed in-house
- Further information on pre-approved tags available for purchase is on CCIA's website: <https://www.canadaid.ca/>

## Traceability

### GOAT TRACEABILITY

#### RESOURCE FROM CCIA



### PREMISES ID

Register and identify your premises with your provincial or territorial government: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/traceability/premises-identification/eng/1495127375452/1495127376419>

- The final Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Goats release date cannot be set until content is finalized but tentatively should be available on the NFACC website some time in 2022, with printed copies available shortly thereafter.
- CNGF acknowledges and thanks all participating goat producers for their time and for their contribution to the new code from beginning to end, especially those who volunteered all of their time over three years of this project - Rob Schill from SK and Jean-Philippe Jolin from QC. The code will be richer because it includes a broader range of content from across Canada.
- The Code committee is now reviewing content for the very last chapter. Most chapter reviews take 2 meetings x 2 hours - this chapter is the longest and will take 4 meetings. They should be wrapped up the last week in May, and then the group will have a "table read." Any changes will have to be translated in French as well, and then printing and distribution.
- CNGF COP Liaison Amy Vingerhoeds has contacted people in each province with CNGF members for about 2400 paper copy orders and shared the order list with the CNGF office - she sent queries to ag groups in Yukon, P.E.I., Nova Scotia (no response). OG will store about 800 copies for future distribution. We were encouraged to order more than enough copies at the beginning when printing costs are covered by NFACC.
- Note: The final Code will be well over 100 pages, and has a full appendix, so downloading and printing the whole document will be expensive.
- The Code of Practice outlines the minimum standards to provide responsible care for goats; the current Code was published in 2003.
- CNGF has been funding the Code of Practice liaison position and actively soliciting sponsorships from industry partners and associations to assist with this funding.
- More information on the Code of Practice: <https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/goats>

- CNGF and Canadian Sheep Federation representatives have joined together in developing an industry led initiative to ensure that producers across Canada have access to properly trained and accredited ultrasound technicians and veterinarians
- Plans are underway for ultrasound training activities this summer for the week of August 20th - exact dates TBD
  - o There will be 3 separate events: 2-day training course, 1-day producer field day, 1-day refresher course (focus on scanning for multiples). Order of these events to be confirmed, but will be different. Likely starting around Ottawa and moving west towards Toronto.
  - o The training course has room for a maximum of 8 trainees, working in groups of 2. This is a 2-day event, the first half day is theory and the rest will be spent scanning - possibly on 2 different farms close together, maybe goats one day and sheep another.
  - o The producer field day would be open to producers without limited participation. The goal is to provide a presentation on the value of scanning, provide pointers on how to set up to make scanning day efficient and provide in-person experience for those who have never had their ewes/does scanned.
  - o The refresher course is intended to help vets, vet techs and practicing scanners to brush up on their skills with a focus on scanning for multiples. Max participation of 20, working in 2 groups of 10 each.

- Technical FSRP (Food Safety Recognition Program) Review of Changes for CNGF OFFS Program completed in February 2022 – must be completed every 18 months to maintain status of a technically reviewed food safety program – no changes were made to the current CNGF OFFS Manual.
- Review of the Food Safety Recognition Program
  - o The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) recently contracted a consultant to undertake a review of the Food Safety Recognition Program (FSRP). The FSRP provides federal government recognition of on-farm and post-farm food safety assurance systems developed and implemented by national industry organizations (NIO) in order to enhance food safety, maintain the confidence of Canadian consumers and facilitate market access.
  - o The recent review was the first formal assessment of the program since its inception in 2001. The consultant did both material research and conducted interviews with key program stakeholders to acquire information for analysis purposes.
    - Program Effectiveness: This review found that the FSRP remains highly effective in ensuring that food safety systems developed by industry through national industry organizations meet federal government standards, that they are audited regularly, and meet consumer and industry demands and requirements.
    - Jurisdictional Oversight: The review also found that the program has tremendous benefit for and impact on producers (farmers). While there is a limited number of NIOs in Canada, the impact of the food safety program benefits tens of thousands of Canadian producers, thereby giving the federal government access and influence at the farm level, which is outside their jurisdiction.
  - o Some of the recommendations made by the consultant to the CFIA for consideration when modernizing the FSRP:
    - The CFIA should consider expanding the scope of the FSRP to include other assurance programs in the areas of biosecurity, traceability, sustainability, animal welfare, etc.
    - The FSRP should be appropriately resourced to allow for expansion and the modernization, streamlining and digitization of all program materials, and manuals be updated and undertaken in the context of this revised scope and mandate.
    - The CFIA should address the issue of program visibility not only within the CFIA itself, but with OGDs, including provincial and territorial governments, as well, ensuring that the FSRP is included in the Agency's Departmental Results Framework.

... [click here to download the CNGF OFFS Manual](#)

- **June 24, 2021** – Letter sent from CNGF office to Minister of Ag (Bibeau) and Minister of International Trade (Ng) re: re-opening US border to small ruminant breeding stock (to follow up on announcement in May that Canada is now considered a negligible risk BSE country)
  - o Received response from Ag Minister Bibeau on **March 15, 2022**: “I am pleased to advise that on December 3, 2021, the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service published its new Importation of Sheep, Goats, and Certain Other Ruminants rule. The new rule became effective on January 3, 2022 and is currently being reviewed by technical experts. However, this is a positive step toward restoring access to the U.S. and improving access to other markets that require transit through the country. While additional steps need to be completed, including further review of the new rule and negotiation of specific import conditions, I am hopeful that your concerns will be addressed in the near future.”
  
- New Ruminant Export Specialist, Animal Import and Export Division of International Affairs Branch, CFIA – Dr Sujinder Bhachoo DVM MVSc
  - o From Dr Bhachoo: “USDA has officially told us that with regard to Export of sheep or goats for Breeding or Production from Canada to the USA(HA1944) they are ready to issue import permit and the certificate will be validated shortly in our system. I will update you as soon as the certificate goes live.”
  - o CNGF executive and Dr. Bhachoo have scheduled an introductory meeting for May 18