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NEW VERSIONS OF DECLARATION FORMS FOR CATTLE AND SHEEP SECTORS AVAILABLE AS OF JANUARY 11, 2016

Longueuil, January 11, 2016 – Agri-Traçabilité Québec (ATQ) announces that new versions of the declaration forms destined for the cattle and sheep sectors are available **as of today**. In anticipation of the launch of the SimpliTRACE application, which will take place in March 2016, it was necessary for ATQ to undertake a revision of these declaration forms. This step was taken not only to update these documents to reflect new rules for data transmission but also to provide access to tools that are now simpler to use.

New Data Transmission Rules in Effect

The new versions of the forms have been adapted in order to allow for the addition of certain types of data. For example, regarding information that must be transmitted, **the application date of an ear tag is a mandatory piece of data that must be declared following this event or in the case of a replacement**. In addition, the form now allows for the declaration of an **animal that has disappeared** if such an event occurred out on pasture or on a farming operation.

New Single Form for the Sheep Sector

For the sheep sector, this update translated into the design of a new single declaration form that replaces, in a definitive manner, the two forms that were available until this point. By using the new form, it is now possible to report the *tagging or movement* of an animal within the same document.

Aside from the advantage of having a single document to fill out for your declarations, the new form was put together with the aim of simplifying the transcription of information. The printing of the Canadian prefix (124000) as part of the ear tag number, the addition of items that can be check marked on the form as well as the standardization of instructions on the back of the form represent other improvements made to the document.

Improved Tools Available in Paper and Electronic Versions

These new declaration tools are available in printed as well as electronic versions. As usual, the paper forms on which the ordered ear tag numbers are printed will be included in ear tag orders when delivered. The new forms are available in electronic format at all times from the ATQ website at www.atq.qc.ca/producteurs-intervenant/formulaires.

SimpliTRACE: the new portal to your online ATQ file

Did you know that ATQ has developed new traceability web application that will be launched in March 2016? This new web-based application, called SimpliTRACE, is free and will replace the ATQDirect website. With a user-friendly and secure interface, SimpliTRACE will allow producers in the cattle, sheep and deer sectors to access their ATQ file online and report movements electronically.

To find out more

Feel free to call Customer Service at ATQ, or visit our website at www.atq.qc.ca for additional information on this and any other topic regarding traceability.

Please note that new documentation as well as information videos (tutorials) on how SimpliTRACE works will soon be accessible at www.atq.qc.ca/simplitrace.

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