

**PRESS RELEASE**  
**For immediate distribution**

**Metallic safety tags for beef and dairy cattle, available from ATQ**

**Longueuil, October 27, 2017** - Agri-Traçabilité Québec (ATQ) is announcing that, effective October 27, 2017, cattle producers in Quebec will be able to order the *Ketchum Kurl-Lock* No. 2 metal safety tags that will carry the same last nine digits as the animal's official tags.

ATQ would like to underline that these are unofficial tags and complementary to the regulatory tags. **This identifier in no way removes the obligation for cattle producers to identify their animals with the two official bovine sector tags**, which are the RFID-type electronic tag and the Ultraflex visual tag.

It should be noted that this additional tag must bear the same number as the official tags. When producers place their orders for metal safety tags at ATQ, a Customer Service agent will make sure that the numbers in their order correspond to the numbers that are already in their file, or that the order is matched with a new order of official tags.

**Conditions of Use**

ATQ would like to remind producers that the **official tags** must be attached within the time frame as defined in the Regulation Respecting the Identification and Traceability of Certain Animals, which for animals born on the farm is **7 days** after the birth of the animal or before leaving the farm, and for animals born on pasture, **5 months** after birth or when leaving pasture. **The complementary metal tag** should be attached at the same time as the official tags and must absolutely bear the same number.

An animal that has lost an official tag (electronic tag or visual tag) can wait for its departure from the farm to be tagged again **if it also has a metal tag** with the same number as the official tags.

To ensure that the animals are identifiable at all times, they must always wear two out of three tags. It should be noted that **when they leave the farm, all animals must wear their two regulatory tags**, which are the RFID-type electronic tag and the Ultraflex visual tag.

## **Purchasing Options**

The metal *Ketchum Kurl-Lock* No. 2 tags are offered in packs of 30 sets, 10 sets, or individually. A *Ketchum Kurl-Lock* No. 2 applicator with an adapter is required to install the metal tags. Producers who have *Ketchum* applicators without adapters can also purchase these adapters individually. All these accessories are available at ATQ.

## **To Place an Order**

ATQ invites cattle producers in Quebec to consult the order information sheet for bovine production for more details on these new complementary identifiers. This information sheet as well as a price list are available on the ATQ website at [www.atq.qc.ca/en/forms](http://www.atq.qc.ca/en/forms). Note that \$11.00 in shipping charges apply for all metal tag orders, regardless of the quantity ordered. ATQ would also like to remind you that orders must be placed by telephone by contacting Customer Service.

### ***To contact ATQ Customer Service***

*Monday to Friday, from 8:30am until 12 noon, and from 1:00pm until 4:30pm*

*Toll-free number: 1 866 270-4319*

## **For more information**

Do not hesitate to contact the ATQ Customer Service department or visit our website at [www.atq.qc.ca](http://www.atq.qc.ca) for any additional information on this topic or for any other information.

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