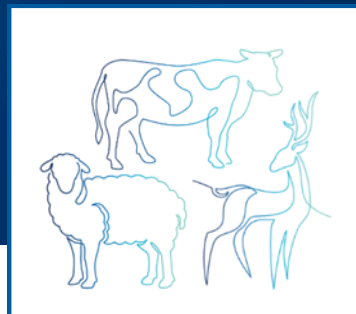


ANIMALS TRACEABILITY



Reference Guide | Sorting Centre

This reference guide describes the key government requirements regarding animal traceability in Québec. The information in this document does not replace that of the official legislation and is not exhaustive. For more information, consult the [Regulation respecting the traceability of certain animals](#).

1. Registration

What to do?

Time limit

Activate your account.

Contact Attestra at **1 866 270-4319**.

2. Arrival of a bovine, an ovine or a cervid to the sorting centre

What to do?

Time limit

Report the arrival of the animal.

You must inform Attestra of the following information:

- Your stakeholder number¹ or name and address
- The premises number² of the sorting centre
- The number on the tags³ affixed to the animal
- The date of the animal's arrival
- The name of the previous owner or custodian
- The premises number or address of the premises of origin (if this information is not available, indicate the name and address of the carrier and the registration number of the vehicle in which the animal was transported)
- For cervids, the transportation permit number (issued by CFIA)

In the **7 days** following the arrival of the animal.

2. Arrival of a bovine, an ovine or a cervid to the sorting centre (continued)

What to do?		Time limit
Identify an animal that has lost its tags.	If an animal has lost its tags during transportation or after its arrival to the sorting centre, you must proceed with its identification. In this case, in addition to providing information regarding the arrival of the animal, you must also inform Attestra of the following: • The number of the lost tags • The number of the new tags • The date the animal was re-tagged • The registration number of the vehicle in which the animal was transported, and the name and address of the carrier All the supporting documents that evidence the origin of the animal must be kept at the sorting centre for at least 10 years from the day the animal was received.	In the 7 days following the identification of the animal or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.

3. Departure of a bovine, an ovine or a cervid from the sorting centre

What to do?		Time limit
Report the departure of the animal.	Applies to: • Bovines being transported to a location outside of Québec or to a community pasture • Ovines, except when being transported directly to a livestock auction or a slaughterhouse • Cervids, in all cases When the animal is leaving the sorting centre to a location within Québec or another province or Canadian territory, you must inform Attestra of the following information: • Your stakeholder number or name and address • The premises number of the sorting centre • The number on the tags affixed to the animal • The date of the animal's departure • The name of the subsequent owner or custodian • The premises number or address of the destination premises (if this information is not available, please indicate the name and address of the carrier and the registration number of the vehicle in which the animal is transported) • For cervids, the transportation permit number (issued by CFIA)	In the 7 days following the departure of the animal from the sorting centre.

4. Interdictions

It is forbidden to:

- Receive or cause to receive a bovine or an ovine from within Québec or another province or Canadian territory if the animal is not bearing at least one approved tag, unless the animal has lost its tag during transportation.
- Receive or cause to receive a cervid from within Québec if the animal is not bearing at least one approved tag, unless the animal has lost its tag during transportation.
- Remove or cause to remove tags from an animal.

¹ The stakeholder number is a number that was attributed by Attestra (ex. CTR12345).

² The premises number is a number that was attributed by Attestra to a location where animals are being held (ex. QC1234567).

³ The approved tags carry a unique and ISO compliant 15-digit number corresponding to a specific specie. These tags have been approved by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) according to the Part XV of the [Health of Animals Regulations](#).