

CERVID TRACEABILITY



Reference Guide | Producers

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?

Activate your account. Contact Attestra at **1 866 270-4319**.

Time limit

2. Before identifying your cervid

What to do?

Order your approved cervid tags¹.

Contact Attestra to place a tag order.
By phone at **1 866 270-4319** or online via simplitrace.attestra.com.

It is forbidden to give away or sell tags that were delivered to your specific livestock operation.

Time limit

Allow up to **10 days** for your tags to be delivered.

3. Birth of a cervid at the livestock operation

What to do?

Identify a cervid that is part of **a herd of 6 or more**.

The animal must be identified with two approved tags, one electronic tag and one visual tag, both with the same number and ordered from Attestra.²

Time limit

By **December 31st of the cervid's birth year** or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.

3. Birth of a cervid at the livestock operation (continued)

What to do?		Time limit
Identify a cervid kept in a zoological garden or part of a herd of 5 or less.	Affix an electronic tag, a visual tag ordered from Attestra or a metal tag marked "H of A", depending on the case. ²	By December 31st of the cervid's birth year or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.
Identify a white-tailed deer.	The animal must be identified a visual tag ordered from Attestra.	By December 31st of the cervid's birth year or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.
Report the birth of the animal.	The animal has been identified, you must now report its birth and inform Attestra of the following information: • Your stakeholder number³ or name and address • The premises number⁴ where the animal is located • The number on the tags affixed to the animal • The date the animal was tagged • The cervid specie (ex. white-tailed deer, red deer, wapiti, etc.) • The birth date of the animal • The sex of the animal	In the 7 days following the identification of the animal or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.

4. Loss of tags

It is prohibited to remove, in any way, tags from a cervid

What to do?		Time limit
The animal is only wearing an electronic tag (does not apply to the white-tailed deer).	• Order a new visual tag with the same number as the electronic tag, or; • Affix a blank tag and write on it the corresponding electronic tag numbere.	As soon as the loss of the tag is noted.
The animal is only wearing a visual tag (does not apply to the white-tailed deer).	• Order a new electronic tag with the same number as the visual tag, or; • Affix a new tag set (electronic and visual tags).	As soon as the loss of the tag is noted.

4. Loss of tags (continued)

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What to do?	Time limit
The animal has lost its tags and is no longer identified (does not apply to the white-tailed deer). If the cervid that is part of a herd of 6 or more: - The animal must be identified with two approved tags, one electronic tag and one visual tag, both with the same number and ordered from Attestra. If the cervid that is kept in a zoological garden or part of a herd of 5 or less: - You must affix on it an electronic or visual tag ordered from Attestra or a metal tag marked "H of A", depending on the case.	As soon as the loss of the tags is noted.
A white-tailed deer has lost its tag and no longer has any tag.	As soon as the loss of the tag is noted.
Report the replacement of the tags. When replacing a tag from an animal, you must inform Attestra of the following information: - Your stakeholder number or name and address - The premises number where the animal is located - The number of the lost tags - The number of the new tags - The date the animal was re-tagged - The cervid specie (ex. white-tailed deer, red deer, wapiti, etc.)	In the 7 days following the identification of the animal or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.

5. Arrival of a cervid to the livestock operation

What to do?	Time limit
Report the arrival of the animal from within Québec.	In the 7 days following the arrival of the animal or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.
You must inform Attestra of the following information: - Your stakeholder number or name and address - The premises number where the animal was transported (destination site) - The number on the tags - The sex of the animal - The cervid specie (ex. white-tailed deer, red deer, wapiti, etc.) - 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 - The transportation permit number (issued by CFIA)	

5. Arrival of a cervid to the livestock operation (continued)

What to do?	Time limit
Identify a cervid that is part of a herd of 6 or more arriving from outside Québec.	If the animal is not identified with two approved or official tags⁵, you must proceed with its identification: • If the animal is identified with an approved electronic tag, complete its identification by affixing a visual tag with the same number as the electronic tag, or; • If the animal is not identified with an electronic tag, affix a new set of tags (electronic and visual tags).²
Identify a cervid kept in a zoological garden or that is part of a herd of 5 or less arriving from outside Québec.	If the animal is not identified with an approved tag, you must proceed with its identification: • Affix an electronic or visual tag ordered from Attestra or; • Affix a metal tag marked "H of A", depending on the case.²
Identify a white-tailed deer arriving from outside Québec.	If the animal is not identified with its official tag⁵, you must proceed with its identification: • Affix a new visual tag ordered from Attestra.
Report the arrival of the animal from outside Québec.	You must inform Attestra of the following information: • Your stakeholder number or name and address • The premises number where the animal was transported (destination site) • The number on the tags • The tag numbers from the country of origin, if applicable • The date the animal was tagged, if applicable • The birth date of the animal • The sex of the animal • The cervid specie (ex. white-tailed deer, red deer, wapiti, etc.) • 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 • The transportation permit number (issued by CFIA)

6. Departure of a cervid from the livestock operation

What to do?		Time limit
Report the departure of the animal.	If the animal is leaving the livestock operation to a location within Québec or outside of Québec, you must inform Attestra of the following information: • Your stakeholder number or name and address • The premises number from where the animal has departed • The number on the tags • The departure date • The name of the subsequent owner or custodian • The premises number or address of the destination premises • The transportation permit number (issued by CFIA)	In the 7 days following the departure of the animal from the livestock operation.

7. Death of a cervid at the livestock operation

What to do?		Time limit
Report the death of the animal.	If the animal's death happened at the livestock operation and the carcass was not salvaged, you must inform Attestra of the following information: • Your stakeholder number or name and address • The premises number where the animal was found dead • The number on the tags • The cervid specie (ex. white-tailed deer, red deer, wapiti, etc.) • The date the animal died	Within 7 days of the death of the animal.

8. Disappearance of a cervid from the livestock operation

What to do?		Time limit
Report the disappearance of the animal.	You must communicate the following information to Attestra: • Your stakeholder number or name and address • The premises number where the animal was held • The number on the tags • The cervid specie (ex. white-tailed deer, red deer, wapiti, etc.) • The date the animal's disappearance was noted	Within 7 days of the date that its disappearance was noted.

9. Cessation of activities or transfer of ownership

What to do?	Time limit
Report the cessation of activities or the transfer of ownership (sale). You must communicate the following information to Attestra: • Your stakeholder number or name and address • The premises number or address of the livestock operation • The name and address of the new owner, if applicable <i>You must return any unused tags to Attestra.</i>	Within 30 days following the cessation of activities or the transfer of ownership, depending on the case.

10. Destroyed, lost or non-functioning tags

What to do?	Time limit
Report the destroyed, lost or non-functioning tags.	When noticing that a tag is not functioning (inability to be digitally read or physically affixed) or if the tag has been destroyed or lost, you must inform Attestra of the tag number. Within 30 days following the date the tag becomes invalid.

¹ The approved cervid 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](#).

² If you have any doubts or need to get further information about the identification of the different species of cervids, you can communicate with Attestra at **1 866 270-4319**.

³ The stakeholder number is a number that was attributed by Attestra to a cervid owner or custodian (ex. PRO1234567).

⁴ The premises number is a number that was attributed by Attestra to a location where cervids are being held (ex. QC1234567).

⁵ An official tag is an identifier that has been officially recognized by the appropriate authority in the animal's country of origin that meets the requirements set out in the Part XV of the [Health of Animals Regulations](#).