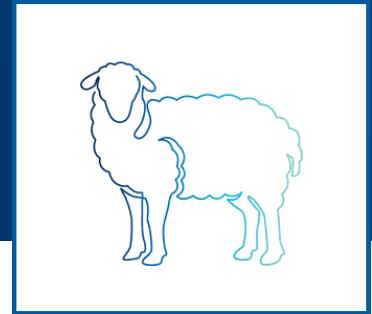


OVINE TRACEABILITY



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.

Time limit

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

2. Before identifying your ovine

What to do?

Order your approved ovine 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 an ovine at the livestock operation

What to do?

Identify the animal.

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.

Time limit

Within **30 days** of birth or before the animal leaves the farm of origin, whichever comes first.

3. Birth of an ovine at the livestock operation (continued)

What to do?		Time limit
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 number² or name and address • The premises number³ where the animal is located • The number on the tags affixed to the animal • The date the animal was tagged • 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 an ovine

What to do?		Time limit
The animal is only wearing its electronic tag.	• 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 number.	As soon as the loss of the tag is noted.
The animal is only wearing its visual tag.	• 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.
The animal has lost both tags.	• Affix a new tag set (electronic and visual tags)	As soon as the loss of the tags 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	In the 7 days following the identification of the animal or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.

5. Arrival of an ovine to the livestock operation

What to do?		Time limit
Report the arrival of the animal from within 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 sex of 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.	In the 7 days following the arrival of the animal or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.
Identify the animal arriving from outside Québec.	If the animal is not identified with two approved or official tags⁴ (electronic and visual tags), 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).	Upon the arrival of the animal to the livestock operation.
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 or weight of the animal • The sex of 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, please indicate the name and address of the carrier and the registration number of the vehicle in which the animal was transported)	In the 7 days following the arrival of the animal or before its departure from the livestock operation, whichever comes first.

6. Departure of an ovine from the livestock operation

What to do?

Report the departure of the animal.

If the animal is leaving the livestock operation to any location within Quebec other than a livestock auction or a slaughterhouse, or if it is leaving to any location 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 (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)

Time limit

In the **7 days** following the departure of the animal from the livestock operation, **or**, in the case of an agricultural fair, in the **7 days** following the end of the fair.

7. Death of an ovine at the livestock operation

What to do?

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 date the animal died

Time limit

Within **7 days** of the death of the animal.

8. Disappearance of an ovine from the livestock operation

What to do?

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 date the animal's disappearance was noted

Time limit

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

³ The premises number is a number that was attributed by Attestra to a location where ovines are being held (ex. QC1234567).

⁴ 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](#).