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Livestock Identification and Commerce Act comes into force

Edmonton... Following extensive consultations with the agriculture industry, regulations under the *Livestock Identification and Commerce Act*, or LICA, have been developed. The Act and regulations that will come into effect on January 1, 2009 will help the day-to-day commerce of the livestock industry operate in a more consistent and efficient manner.

The LICA consolidates, streamlines and modernizes three existing acts – the *Brand Act*, the *Livestock Identification and Brand Inspection Act* and the *Livestock and Livestock Products Act*. LICA received Royal Assent on May 24, 2006. The livestock industry will see changes such as mandatory livestock security interest disclosures, greater protection for personal property in livestock, and standardized documentation.

The LICA clarifies and adds detail regarding brands, livestock transportation, livestock inspection, livestock security interest disclosure, payment for the sale of livestock and licensing of livestock dealers.

Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development and Livestock Identification Services (LIS) jointly developed the *Livestock Identification and Commerce Act* and the *LICA General Regulation*. LIS is a not-for-profit company established in 1998 as the delegated authority for provincial livestock identification and inspection legislation. LIS is governed by a board of directors comprised of livestock industry representatives from various Alberta cattle and horse associations.

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