

## AFRP II b - Age Verification Conditions

These conditions (“Age Verification Conditions”) set out the requirements for age verification as part of the AFRP II b Program. The *Animal Health Act* will set out ongoing requirements for animal identification and recording and reporting birth dates.

### 1. Definitions – In these Age Verification Conditions

“actual birth date” means the day, month and year of birth.

“AFRP II(b)” means the Alberta Farm Recovery Program II b administered by Agriculture Financial Services Corporation for the Minister.

“Age Verification Conditions” means these Age Verification Conditions.

“approved tag” means a tag approved by the CCIA for cattle to meet the requirements of the *Health of Animals Regulations* (Canada).

“calving start date” means the day, month and year of birth for the first calf born in a herd.

“CCIA” means the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency.

“Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS)” means the database through which the Canadian Cattle Identification Agency offers its programs, [www.clia.livestockid.ca](http://www.clia.livestockid.ca) or its successor from time to time.

“cattle producers” own cows that have given birth to calves in the calendar year 2008.

“Minister” means the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.

“Minister’s administration” means (a) the Minister’s responsibilities under the *Designation and Transfer of Responsibilities Regulation* and (b) programs established by the Minister pursuant to s.8 of the *Government Organizations Act* (GOA) and Schedule 2 to the GOA.

“premises identification number” means a number issued by the CCIA or the Minister for premises in a format according to national standards as approved by the Minister.

### 2. Compliance

- (a) Cattle producers must comply with the Premise Identification Conditions and these Age Verification Conditions (“Program Conditions”) to be eligible to receive an AFRP II b Program payment.

### **3. Audit and Inspection**

- (a) Cattle producers acknowledge that the Minister will be arranging for any one of an audit, inspection or confirmation from the CCIA or Agriculture Financial Services Corporation on the Minister's behalf that the cattle producer has complied with the requirements of section 4.

### **4. Age Verification Requirements**

- (a) Cattle producers must record the age of all calves born in the calendar year 2008 by December 31, 2008. The age information must be the:
  - (i) actual birth date; or
  - (ii) calving start date.
- (b) Cattle producers must ensure that a premises identification number is entered into the CLTS for the cattle producer's operation and report for each calf into the CLTS
  - (i) a tag number from an approved tag applied to the calf;
  - (ii) the actual birth date or calving start date;
  - (iii) the method used to determine the birth date, either the actual birth date or calving start date.

### **5. Collection, Use and Disclosure of Information**

- (a) Cattle producers acknowledge that the Minister will be collecting, using and disclosing the information collected by the CCIA from cattle producers under these Program Conditions (i) to administer financial programs under the Minister's administration, and (ii) for animal health, public health and food safety purposes.
- (b) Examples of financial programs include AFRP II b, Agristability, loans, and insurance and other forms of financial assistance to cattle producers both past and future.
- (c) Examples of animal health, public health and food safety purposes include:
  - (i) disease eradication; control, surveillance;
  - (ii) protecting animal health and public health;
  - (iii) assisting in ongoing health, safety and biosecurity measures to minimize a disease outbreak or to minimize the risk of a disease spreading;
  - (iv) assisting when there is an outbreak of a disease;
  - (v) identifying where animals are raised, quarantined, auctioned and slaughtered;
  - (vi) eliminating animal disease barriers for domestic and export market access;
  - (vii) enhancing emergency preparedness in the case of an outbreak of a disease or

- in the event of a natural disaster;
- (viii) detecting the presence of diseases;
- (ix) monitoring the health of animals;
- (x) analyzing the geographical distribution of a disease;
- (xi) analyzing the epidemiology of disease outbreaks;
- (xii) conducting assessments and models to predict disease risk;
- (xiii) tracking the movement of animals, animal products and animal by-products from premises to premises;
- (xiv) identifying the premises-to-premises movement of animals, animal products and animal by-products;
- (xv) any other purpose deemed necessary by the Minister for administering programs under the Minister's administration and provided for by regulations.

(d) Cattle producers acknowledge that the Minister will disclose information collected under these Age Verification Conditions to authorized persons for only those purposes outlined in clause (c). Authorized persons include

- (i) Agriculture Financial Services Ltd.
- (ii) Livestock Identification Services Ltd.
- (iii) Canadian Cattle Identification Agency
- (iv) Canadian Food Inspection Agency
- (v) an inspector or an official under the *Public Health Act* or the *Regional Health Authorities Act* or a successor to a regional health authority
- (vi) any other authorized person deemed necessary by the Minister and provided for by regulations pursuant to the *Animal Health Act*.