

QUICK REFERENCE - REPORTABLE AND NOTIFIABLE DISEASES REGULATION

The Reportable and Notifiable Diseases (RAND) regulation designates diseases as “reportable” or “notifiable” for the purposes of the *Animal Health Act*, thus enabling authorities to more effectively prepare for and respond to animal diseases in a timely manner.

“Reportable” diseases are those that are a serious threat to public health or animal health which could affect market access or can cause serious economic or social impacts to the livestock industry and/or the province.

“Notifiable” diseases are animal diseases of concern that do not require government action, but should be monitored to establish prevalence or trends.

Sections 9(1) and (2) of the Act state that an animal owner or authorized person must report the suspicion or confirmation of a reportable or notifiable disease in an animal to the Chief Provincial Veterinarian within 24 hours. The regulation describes what information needs to be reported.

June 2014 amendments included:

- 1) Listing the key pieces of information animal owners and authorized persons (e.g. veterinarians) are required to report when notifying the Chief Provincial Veterinarian of a reportable disease;
- 2) Listing the key pieces of information animal owners and authorized persons (e.g. veterinarians) are required to report when notifying the Chief Provincial Veterinarian of a notifiable disease; and
- 3) Requiring that information about animals carrying the specific disease-causing agent for listed diseases must be reported even if the animals are not sick (e.g. “carrier” animals).