

# Traceability in Alberta



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## Traceability and Transporting Alberta Horses

Traceability is a crucial component of an effective animal health and food safety system that enables precise and rapid emergency response to protect livestock, producers and consumers. Determining where livestock are, where they have been and what other livestock they have come into contact with allows for efficient emergency planning and response. Traceability in Alberta relies on the three fundamental pillars of premises identification, animal identification and animal movement.

### Livestock Traceability – Protecting an Industry

Livestock traceability is the process of tracking individual or groups of livestock and poultry throughout their lifetime. Tracking this information is important when responding to emergencies such as disease outbreaks, floods or fires because traceability systems help determine where livestock are, where they have been and what other livestock they have could have potentially come into contact with.

Movement recording is essential to an effective traceability system. With accurate movement records, industry and government are able to identify and contain disease-exposed animals more quickly, which reduces the risk of the disease spreading to other animals.

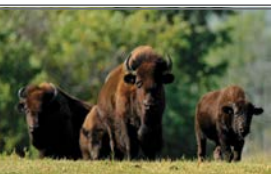
Complying with regulations for moving livestock is part of responsible animal management that helps protect the health of your animals as well as those of other Alberta and Canadian producers. Traceability in Alberta is authorized under Alberta's *Animal Health Act*. Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF) works with industry and all levels of government to advance traceability in Alberta and Canada.

### Transportation Regulations

In Alberta, horses must be transported in accordance with Alberta's *Livestock Identification and Commerce Act* (LICA). Under LICA, the term "horses" is used to include members of the *Equidae* family such as horses, donkeys and their crosses. Depending on the purpose of the transportation, horses may require an Alberta Livestock Manifest, Livestock Permit or Special Permit. Alberta's delegated authority, Livestock Identification Services Ltd. (LIS), is responsible for all transportation documentation under LICA.



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Alberta Agriculture and Forestry's approved Premises Identification Numbers (PID) are to be recorded on Alberta Livestock Manifests, Livestock Permits and Special Permits to assist with trace backs in a disease outbreak. On Alberta Livestock Manifests, livestock owners/dealers are to record the PID Number of where the livestock are being transported from and the receiver is to record the PID Number of the end destination.

## Alberta Livestock Manifests

Alberta Livestock Manifests are used to document the movement of horses. An Alberta Livestock Manifest is required to transport or drive horses within Alberta if the horses are being transported to an inspection site\* or are being transported for sale or slaughter.

\*Inspection sites are livestock markets, feedlots, livestock assembly stations, abattoirs and country sale sites.

| LIVESTOCK IDENTIFICATION SERVICES LTD.<br>ALBERTA LIVESTOCK MANIFEST  |   |                                   |   |  | AM 000000         |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| Part A – Purpose of Manifest  |   |                                   |   | LIS USE                                  |                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transport Only   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport For Sale | <input type="checkbox"/> By Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> By Dealer on behalf of owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Inspection Only |                   |
| Part B – Transportation and Sales Details   |   |                                   |   | DATE YYYYMMDD                            |                   |
| Owner or Dealer Name  |   |                                   |   | Phone #                                  |                   |
| Owner or Dealer Address   |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| On Account of   |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Livestock Location Before Transport, Sale, Consignment  |   |                                   |   | Premises ID #                            |                   |
| Check One <input type="checkbox"/> Transport to <input type="checkbox"/> Sold to <input type="checkbox"/> Consigned to <input type="checkbox"/> Other specify |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Name  |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Address   |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Description of the Livestock  |   |                                   |   | Lot or Pen #                             |                   |
| Number  | Colour                                      | Kind                              | Brand(s)/Identifier                                   | Loc                                      | Other Information |
|   |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
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|   |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
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|   |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Total: Part C – I CERTIFY THAT PARTS "A" AND "B" ARE TRUE   |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signature of Owner (or if permitted Owner's agent)  |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Part D – Inspector  |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Adjusted Test   | Inspector Signature                         | Inspector #                       | Client #  |  |                   |
|   | Date: YYYYMMDD                              | Permit / Hold Form #              |   |  |                   |
| Part E – Transporter  |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Transporter's Name (Print)  |   |                                   | Trailer or Conveyance licence #                       |  |                   |
| Transporter's Signature   |   |                                   | Phone #   | Trucking Charges                         |                   |
| Part F – Livestock Security Interest Declaration  |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| NAME AND ADDRESS of the Holder of any Livestock Security Interest in the Livestock or the Dam of the Livestock or if None so indicate by writing "None"       |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| I CERTIFY THAT THIS DECLARATION IS TRUE. Date YYYYMMDD  |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signature of Owner  |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Check if Livestock Security Interest Declaration is by separate document <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Part G – Destination  |   |                                   |   |  |                   |
| Destination Name  | Date Received YYYYMMDD                      | Time received                     | Count   |  |                   |
| Received and counted by - Print name and signature  |   |                                   |   | Premises ID #                            |                   |
| LIVESTOCK OWNER OR DEALER COPY  |   |                                   |   | AM 000000                                |                   |

An Alberta Livestock Manifest is not required to transport a horse within Alberta unless it is being transported to an inspection site, or for sale or slaughter.

A copy of each Alberta Livestock Manifest must be kept by the owner, the transporter and the person receiving the horses for 10 years from the date the manifest is completed.

Alberta Livestock Manifest books are supplied by LIS and are available throughout the province from LIS Field Offices, livestock (auction) markets and AF Field Offices.

## Livestock Permits

Livestock Permits are issued by LIS Livestock Inspectors. All horses transported or driven from an inspection site (other than a feedlot or an uninspected country sale) to a destination in Alberta, or from an originating point in Alberta to a destination outside Alberta, must be accompanied by a Livestock Permit unless:

- the horses are being transported under a Special Permit (see next section for details) and are not being transported to an inspection site, or for sale or slaughter;
- the horses are accompanied by an Alberta Livestock Manifest and are being transported to an approved inspection site in Saskatchewan or British Columbia where they will be inspected upon arrival; or
- the requirement for a Livestock Permit has been waived by LIS in accordance with an exemption allowed under LICA. To learn about the exceptions under LICA, refer to the legislation at [www.qp.alberta.ca](http://www.qp.alberta.ca).

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Livestock Permits authorize a single movement of livestock from the location where the animal was inspected to the destination described on the Livestock Permit. A Livestock Permit expires seven days after the date it was issued or when the horses are delivered to their destination, whichever is earlier.

A copy of each Livestock Permit must be kept by the owner, transporter, the person receiving the horses and LIS for 10 years from the date the Livestock Permit is issued.

Livestock Permits are used to document the movement of livestock to a destination outside the province as well as when leaving an inspection site in Alberta.

## Special Permits

Special Permits are issued by LIS Livestock Inspectors and include the following:

- Annual Rodeo and Exhibition Permits
- Annual Horse Permits
- Lifetime Horse Permits

The Annual Rodeo and Exhibition Permits and the Annual Horse Permits are used to transport horses outside Alberta more than once in a calendar year. These permits expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued.

A Lifetime Horse Permit allows an owner to transport a horse outside Alberta multiple times during its lifetime. Lifetime Horse Permits expire when there is a change of horse ownership or when the horse dies.

Special Permits cannot be used to transport horses to an inspection site, or for sale or slaughter.



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## Transporting Out-of-province Horses in Alberta

The Alberta Livestock Manifest and Livestock Permit requirements of LICA do not apply to persons who transport horses into or through Alberta from an originating point outside Alberta so long as:

- the originating jurisdiction requires the horses to be accompanied with documentation to be transported out of that jurisdiction; and
- the horses are accompanied with that documentation.

The exemption that allows horses to move into or through Alberta on out-of-province documentation expires when the horses stop in Alberta for a purpose other than rest or when they are required to be inspected in Alberta.

If out-of-province horses stop in Alberta for a purpose other than rest, the location where the horses stop should be considered the originating point when completing an Alberta Livestock Manifest or requesting a Livestock Permit.

### For More Information

#### To contact a local LIS Livestock Inspector:

LIS Livestock Inspectors are available at LIS Field Offices across Alberta. To obtain a complete listing of the field offices, visit [www.lis-alberta.com](http://www.lis-alberta.com) or call 1-866-509-2088.

#### For additional information on this factsheet:

Livestock Identification Services Ltd. (LIS)  
109, 264 Midpark Way S.E.  
Calgary, AB T2X 1J6  
1-866-509-2088  
[www.lis-alberta.com](http://www.lis-alberta.com)

#### For general traceability inquiries:

Alberta Ag-Info Centre  
Toll free in Alberta: 310-FARM (3276)  
[www.agriculture.alberta.ca/traceability](http://www.agriculture.alberta.ca/traceability)

#### For more publications and information:

- Traceability in Alberta Overview
- Traceability and the Equine Industry
- Traceability and Transporting Alberta Cattle (Agdex 420/843-2)
- Traceability and Transporting Alberta Sheep (Agdex 430/843-1)
- Alberta legislation at [www.qp.alberta.ca](http://www.qp.alberta.ca)

