

EQUINE ID & TRACEABILITY:

PREMISES IDENTIFICATION IN CANADA

THE THREE PILLARS OF TRACEABILITY

Traceability systems are based on three basic elements:

- Animal identification
- Premises identification
- Animal movement

WHY PREMISES IDENTIFICATION IS IMPORTANT

Premises identification is a way of linking equines to land locations and is critical to support disease control activities and for managing animal health emergencies. Having a premises identification number allows for traceability information to be accessed quickly for the protection of animal health, public health and for industry.

By definition, a premise is a location where farm animals or livestock are kept, assembled, or disposed of. Examples of premises for equines include farms, stables, veterinary facilities, breeding facilities, pastures, competition facilities, fairgrounds, exhibitions, racetracks, assembly yards, and auction sale facilities.

Premises are defined by a legal land description of the lot or by its geo-coordinates.

Equines are defined as horses, ponies, donkeys, zebras, mules and asses.

WHAT DOES PREMISES IDENTIFICATION CONSIST OF?

Premises ID consists of providing information about a specific location, including:

- Contact information
- Legal land location
- Type of agricultural and agri-food operation on the site
- Animal species kept

OBTAINING A PREMISES IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

A unique identification number is provided at no cost to a specific location once the information has been received and validated by the provincial or territorial government where it is located. This premises ID number is then used when reporting the receipt or departure of animals from the premises as well as to make contact in the event of a disaster or disease outbreak.

HOW TO REGISTER A PREMISES

Register and identify your premises with your provincial or territorial government:

Alberta
Telephone: toll-free within Alberta 310-FARM (3276)

British Columbia
Telephone: 1-888-221-7141

Manitoba
Telephone: 1-204-945-7684

New Brunswick
Telephone: 1-506-453-2109

Newfoundland & Labrador
Telephone: 1-709-637-2088

Nova Scotia
Telephone: 1-800-279-0825

Ontario
Telephone: 1-855-697-7743

Prince Edward Island
Telephone: 1-866-PEI-FARM

Quebec
Telephone: 1-866-270-4319

Saskatchewan
Telephone: 1-866-457-2377

Yukon
Telephone: 1-867-667-3043

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