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- The Canadian National Goat Federation Board held seven teleconferences in 2021:
 - February 3
 - March 29
 - May 26
 - July 13
 - September 14
 - October 12
 - December 14
- CNGF membership fees for 2022 will be the same as for 2021, and will be based on the total number of individual memberships for 2021:
 - \$225 for less than 20 members
 - \$450 for 20-30 members
 - \$675 for 30-50 members
 - \$900 for over 50 members
 - \$1125 for national organizations (CMGA, CGS)
- E-transfers for payments can be sent to: info@cangoats.com
- The CNGF office and all bookkeeping is now in Annaheim, Saskatchewan and all written correspondence should be addressed to:

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- **Scrapie Working Group** - CNGF has two designated individuals representing the association in this group which also includes representatives from the Canadian Sheep Federation, Canadian Sheep Breeders Association and the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association. CNGF reps attended the most recent Scrapie Working Group meeting in November 2020. [... click here for Scrapie info available on CFIA website](#)
- **CFIA changes to import requirements for small ruminants** - As of November 10, 2021, Option 2c, for the import of male small ruminants from any premises in the U.S., is under review and is no longer available until further notice ([Requirements for Small Ruminants Imported From the United States for Breeding, Domestic or Captive Purposes-TAHD-DSAT-IE-2007-5-6](#)).
 - CNGF contacted CFIA's Senior Veterinary Office, the Senior Staff Veterinarian of the Domestic Disease Control Section and the Director General of the Animal Health Directorate
 - In response, CFIA assured CNGF that they value and welcome input and will include CNGF in discussions during the policy review, which they hope to have completed by early spring.
 - Option 2c was only ever supposed to be a temporary measure and its intention was to give enough time for more herds (including rare breeds) in the US to enroll on the Scrapie Flock Certification Program so that Canadian importers could import animals of known and negligible risk for Scrapie. However, while this option was still available a number of non-compliances were brought to CFIA's attention. As part of their protecting the health of the national small ruminant herd, it was necessary to put Option 2c on hold.
- **December 13, 2021** - CNGF and other small ruminant industry stakeholders took part in a teleconference with CFIA to provide further information regarding the suspension of Option 2C for the import of male small ruminants into Canada. CFIA was very clear that Option 2C will not be coming back and they will be having consultation with industry stakeholders in the upcoming months.
- **December 21, 2021** - CNGF reps participated in meeting with small ruminant import group formed to discuss alternatives/solutions for breeders importing genetics from the US
- CFIA will be providing more information and seeking more input through their policy review. Individual producers should share their concerns with their association's representative on the CNGF board (<http://cangoats.com/directors/>) so they can be brought forward in a cohesive manner during these discussions with CFIA.

- CFIA traceability regulation process:
 1. Regulations published in Canada Gazette 1 (CG1)
 - As of December 2021, timelines at CFIA have been pushed back because of COVID-19 and the Fall election so they are now aiming for publication of the Proposed Regulatory Amendments to the Livestock Identification and Traceability Program in Canada Gazette 1 in Spring 2022, followed by a 90-day consultation period.
 - Once the regulations are published in CG1 there will be more definitive time lines for implementation
 2. Open for further comments from affected parties/stakeholders
 3. After comments received/implemented, final regulations published in Canada Gazette 2 (CG2) and no further changes will be possible
 4. One year after CG2 is published, regulations will come into force
- **March 24, 2021** – CNGF reps attended virtual **Regulatory Implementation Committee** meeting via MS Teams.
 - o Included reports from responsible Administrators for Livestock Traceability in Canada:
 - Canadian Cattle Identification Agency - CCIA
 - Canadian Pork Council – CPC (PigTrace)
 - Lactanet Canada – LC (DairyTrace)
 - Attestra (formerly ATQ)
 - o Livestock Identification and Traceability Program Update – CFIA
 - Due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on stakeholders and government, time lines for all regulatory initiatives were delayed and revised in 2020
 - Plan to host next RIC meeting prior to CG1.
- **The Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) is the Responsible Administrator for goat traceability tags in Canada.** Further information on pre-approved tags available for purchase is on CCIA’s website: <https://www.canadaid.ca/>

Traceability

GOAT TRACEABILITY

RESOURCE FROM CCIA



PREMISES ID

Register and identify your premises with your provincial or territorial government: <https://inspection.canada.ca/animal-health/terrestrial-animals/traceability/premises-identification/eng/1495127375452/1495127376419>

GOAT TAGS

Download the latest CCIA tag catalog



- The final Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Goats release date cannot be set until content is finalized but tentatively should be available on the NFACC website some time in Spring 2022, with printed copies available shortly thereafter.
 - Code committee has discussed feedback received during the Public Comment Period early in 2021 is making some technical corrections and adding some additional content
 - Code committee will ship printed copies of the Code (amount required for the next 5 years) to a single location in each province free of charge and it's up to each association to distribute them to individual producers
- CNGF compiled and submitted official draft Code of Practice comments in February
- The Code of Practice outlines the minimum standards to provide responsible care for goats; the current Code was published in 2003.
- A draft Code was developed by the multi-stakeholder committee following the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC) Code development process and the public comment period (PCP) for this draft has now concluded - approximately 250 comments were submitted. This compares well to PCP for other Codes - the goat industry is small and the draft was long, and there was enough interest from the industry to generate a number of submissions on the higher end of what NFACC typically sees.
- CNGF has been funding the Code of Practice liaison position and actively soliciting sponsorships from industry partners and associations to assist with this funding
- More information on the Code of Practice: <https://www.nfacc.ca/codes-of-practice/goats>

- CNGF and Canadian Sheep Federation representatives have joined together in developing an industry led initiative to ensure that producers across Canada have access to properly trained and accredited ultrasound technicians and veterinarians
- Group has been working on a document outlining how technicians would be accredited/certified

- No changes were made to the current CNGF OFFS Manual in 2021.
... [click here to download the CNGF OFFS Manual](#)

On-Farm
Food Safety

- **June 24, 2021** - Letter sent from CNGF office to Minister of Ag (Bibeau) and Minister of International Trade (Ng) re: re-opening US border to small ruminant breeding stock (to follow up on announcement in May that Canada is now considered a negligible risk BSE country)
- **May 6, 2021** - CNGF rep attended **Health Canada's 2021 Stakeholder Update on Food and Nutrition** via webinar
 - o Presentation included: Health Portfolio Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; Food and Nutrition Highlights and Priorities; Panel Discussion on Food Innovation - Modern and Agile Food Regulations to Better Serve Canadians
 - o Underscored the importance of regulatory system to ensure food safety for Canadians
 - o Website: COVID-19 and food safety - <https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/food-nutrition/covid19-food-industry.html>
 - o COVID-19 has dominated the work of CFIA - they are prioritizing essential activities such as on-site inspections, laboratory testing, etc. to deliver safe food supply and keep the economy going
- **April 7, 2021** - CNGF President attended CCIA Annual General Meeting (virtually)

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