

7.5 Pathway One: Limited Acquisitions Plus Surveillance

General Information

1. This is the only pathway available to goats.
2. This is the only pathway currently recognized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Advise the producer that at the current time, pathway one is the only pathway of the Canadian SFCP recognized by the USDA, although this may change in the near future. To maintain this recognition, flocks on pathway one cannot access animals from flocks following certification pathways two and three.
3. All requirements detailed in [7.4 Procedures Common to All Pathways](#) are applicable to flocks/herds participating in this pathway.

Acquisitions

4. Instruct owners that acquisitions of live female sheep or goats and embryos must be accompanied by documentation of the certification level and enrollment date of the flock/herd from which they are sourced/purchased. Discuss with the owner that the impact of acquiring female animals or embryos from a flock or herd of a lower certification level will be the downgrading of their own flock/herd's level or anniversary quarter. If uncertain of the certification level of a particular Canadian flock or of the equivalence of another country's program, the accredited veterinarian or producer may obtain this information from the regional administrator (OSMA) or the CFIA.

Advancement

5. The program includes six levels, from the entry level (Level E) to the highest level (Certified). A minimum of five years (one year at each of Level E, D, C, B, and A) is necessary for a registered flock to reach the Certified Level. Once a flock has reached the Certified Level, it maintains this level provided that the applicable requirements continue to be met.