



Ottawa, October 28, 2002

# CUSTOMS NOTICE N-476

## Amendment to Customs Procedures Concerning the Category of Feeder Cattle From the United States

1. This replaces Customs Notice N-471, dated October 1, 2002. It is based on legislation passed on October 22, 1997, that allows for the clearance of “restricted feeder cattle”, without a Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspection, at the border. Therefore, regulations, effective since October 1997, created a category of cattle that may be released by customs after verification of the required documents without contacting the CFIA.

2. Current guidelines in section 1 “Live Animals” of Memorandum D19-1-1, *Food, Agricultural Commodities, Aquatic Commodities, and Agricultural Inputs*, dated November 7, 2000, for cattle imported from the U.S., need to be revised to include the State of South Dakota and the State of Maine under the Country of Origin, and to replace the Shipping invoice with the Canada Customs invoice and/or commercial invoice under the Documentation Requirements.

3. Note that paragraph 5(a) under “Documentation Requirements” below is revised to indicate two copies of a valid CFIA *Import Permit*, Form CFIA/ACIA 5067. Furthermore, paragraph 12 under “Release Instructions” is also revised to indicate that all documents be forwarded to the nearest CFIA port veterinarian within 72 hours.

### Restricted Feeder Cattle

4. Between October 1 and March 31, untested feeder cattle may only be imported from the U.S. States of **Hawaii, North Dakota, Idaho, Montana, Washington, Alaska, New York, South Dakota, and Maine**. The cattle are to be shipped directly to preapproved premises (as indicated on the import permit and certificate) and will be imported for the sole purpose of feeding and subsequent slaughter. Customs is to verify the documentation. If the documentation is incorrect, the shipment is to be refused. If any problems are suspected with the cattle in the shipment, customs officers are to detain the shipment and contact the CFIA.

### Documentation Requirements

5. Customs may allow clearance of the feeder cattle if the following documents are presented:

(a) two **copies** of a valid CFIA *Import Permit*, Form CFIA/ACIA 5067\*;

(b) the **original** and one **copy** of the U.S. or State health certificate (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection – Restricted Feeder Cattle Export to Canada\*); and

(c) the Canada Customs invoice and/or commercial invoice.

\*sample in appendix

### Release Instructions

6. Ensure all documentation requirements are met. One original health certificate per shipment is permissible, provided all animals in the shipment are presented simultaneously. **Refuse entry if the import permit and certificate of veterinary inspection do not accompany the shipment.**

7. Review the CFIA *Import Permit*, the U.S. or State export health certificate, and the Canada Customs invoice and/or commercial invoice to verify that the address of origin (farm of origin on the U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] form) is in the same State as the one printed on the import permit under the country of origin field. **Refuse entry if these fields do not match.**

8. Review the import permit, the export health certificate, and the Canada Customs invoice and/or commercial invoice to verify that the consignee’s name and address on the export health certificate and the Canada Customs invoice and/or commercial invoice are the same as the importer’s name and address on the import permit. **Refuse entry if these fields do not match.**

9. Verify that the number of cattle (e.g., on the Canada Customs invoice and/or commercial invoice) does not exceed the number specified on the certificate of inspection. **Refuse entry if the number of cattle in the shipment is greater than the number certified.**

10. Verify that the date of importation is between October 1 and March 31.

11. Verify that there is an intact U.S. or State seal on the truck or trailer, and the number on the seal matches the seal number listed on the original export health certificate.

**Refuse entry if there is no seal or the numbers do not match.**

12. Date-stamp all documents. **Fax a copy of the import permit, a copy of the export health certificate, and a copy of the Canada Customs invoice and/or commercial invoice to the nearest CFIA port veterinarian within 72 hours.**

13. Return the other copy of the import permit, the original export health certificate, and a copy of the Canada Customs invoice and/or commercial invoice to the importer or the shipper.

14. If customs officers suspect any kind of problem with the cattle contained in the shipment, for example, animals that appear in distress or in trouble, or animals that are lying down in the truck or trailer, the shipment is to be referred to a CFIA inspector.

15. Any questions concerning this notice should be directed to:

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## APPENDIX A

## CFIA/ACIA 5067



Canadian Food Inspection Agency  
Government of Canada

Agence canadienne d'inspection des aliments  
Gouvernement du Canada

**Permit No./N° de permis:**

ORIGINAL  
2002/10/03  
year/mo/day  
année/mois/jour

**IMPORT PERMIT**

**PERMIS D'IMPORTATION**

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THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO:/CE PERMIS EST DÉLIVRÉ CONFORMÉMENT A:

THE HEALTH OF ANIMALS ACT AND REGULATIONS/LOI ET RÈGLEMENT SUR LA SANTÉ DES ANIMAUX			
<u>Importer/Importateur</u>		<u>Exporter/Exportateur</u>	
<u>Quarantine/Destination/Quarantaine</u>		<u>Producer/Producteur</u>	
<b>Valid/Valide</b>	<b>from/du</b>	<b>to/au</b>	<b>Country of Origin/ Pays d'Origine</b>
	year/month/day année/mois/jour	year/month/day année/mois/jour	
<b>For the entry of/ Pour l'entrée de:</b> _____ Single shipment/Chargement simple <u>XX</u> Multiple shipments/Chargements multiples			
<b>Place of entry into Canada/Lieu d'entrée au Canada:</b>			
<b>FOR THE IMPORTATION OF:/POUR L'IMPORTATION DE:</b> (Description of things(s)/Description de la ou des choses)			
<b>A PERSON WHO IMPORTS A THING UNDER THIS PERMIT SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL THE CONDITIONS SET OUT HEREIN/TOUTE PERSONNE QUI IMPORTE UNE CHOSE EN VERTU DE CE PERMIS DEVRA RESPECTER TOUTES LES CONDITIONS DÉCRITES CI-DESSOUS</b>			

**Authorized By:/Approuvé par:**

For the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food  
Pour le ministère d'agriculture et agroalimentaire

The information is required by (for) the Canadian Food Inspection Agency for the purpose of verifying import products. Information may be accessible or protected as required under the provisions of the Access to Information Act.

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**Canada**

## APPENDIX B

Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATE OF VETERINARY INSPECTION  
RESTRICTED FEEDER CATTLE EXPORT TO CANADA**

CONSIGNOR NAME/ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_CONSIGNEE NAME/ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_PREMISE OF ORIGIN ADDRESS, IF DIFFERENT FROM CONSIGNOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The cattle on this certificate are being exported to Canada as a restricted feeder as defined in and under authority of the

import permit number \_\_\_\_\_

The cattle in this shipment:

1. meet the definition of a restricted feeder as outlined in the import permit, specifically they are cattle that are for the purpose of feeding and subsequent slaughter. This is defined as steers, bulls, cows or heifers and fully weaned calves (i.e. on solid feed and imported for the purpose of fattening and slaughter). The animals are not cows with calves at foot, cows or heifers heavy in calf, or unweaned calves (including calves on milk replacer);
2. were born in and have been continuously resident since birth in the United States or Canada;
3. were continuously resident for at least sixty (60) days immediately prior to export in  
(the state or states) which:
  - (a) is/are designated by the Minister of the Canadian Food Inspection Agency as a low risk state for bluetongue, and
  - (b) is/are designated by the United States Department of Agriculture as a brucellosis class free state, and
  - (c) is/are recognized by the United States Department of Agriculture as a tuberculosis accredited-free State;
  - (d) has/have been assessed by CFIA as low incidence for anaplasmosis.

No. of animals in this shipment: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual identification and general description of animals in shipment \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(if necessary, attach separate list of identification tags or electronic id )

Seal numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

**Veterinary Certification:**

I certify, as a veterinarian accredited by USDA-APHIS, that the above described animals have been inspected by me and are free from clinical disease and are fit to be transported to Canada without due suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue or any other cause. I applied seals bearing the above listed numbers to all the exits of the conveyance in such a manner that the animals may not be removed without breaking the seals. To the best of my knowledge the animals described on this certificate meet the definition and residency requirements noted above.

Date and time of examination (must be within twenty-four (24) hours of export) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_Name and address of accredited veterinarian (please print)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_Signature of accredited veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**\*\* A copy of the permit to import restricted feeder cattle into Canada must accompany every shipment.**Distribution  
Original & 1 copy-Accompany Shipment