

Temporary Enrollment on the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program

This document pertains to temporary enrollment in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program when there are no small ruminants currently on your farm.

NOTE: There are various options for producers to import sheep and goats from the United States (US). For a complete description of import requirements, please refer to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) import directive located at the following: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/heasan/pol/ie-2007-5e.shtml>

The following guidelines apply only to those instances in which participation in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program (VSFCP) is required in order for producers to import small ruminant females from the US.

To import **female** sheep or goats from the US, both the importer and the exporter must be enrolled on the national scrapie certification program in their respective countries. Female animals and embryos may be imported to a premises enrolled in the VSFCP in Canada from a premises enrolled in the VSFCP in the United States of an equivalent or higher status than the importing premises in Canada. In most cases, the importing premises in Canada must have been enrolled in the VSFCP for at least 24 months and had at least 2 annual inventories (refer to the document "Importing female sheep and goats from the United States" for details associated with this process) OR must currently not contain any small ruminants (with the process as described in this document). Currently, the exporting premises in the United States must have been enrolled in the SFCP for at least 24 months and had at least 2 annual inventories.

Producers who do not currently have any sheep or goats on their property, and are interested in importing female sheep or goats from the USA, can receive Temporary Enrollment on the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program.

Temporary Enrollment will allow producers to import female sheep or goats from the USA and then enroll officially on the program once the US animals have been brought into Canada.

Please note that currently, to import **male** sheep or goats from the USA, the importer and the exporter do not have to be enrolled on a national scrapie certification program.

To obtain Temporary Enrollment, producers must do the following:

1) Contact Scrapie Canada and ask for Temporary Enrollment on the program. An application package, which includes all of the program paper work, will be mailed to you at this time. All application paper work can also be found at:

<http://www.scrapiecanada.ca/VSFPCAppforms.html>

2) Arrange to work with a scrapie accredited veterinarian. If your veterinarian is not scrapie accredited, contact your local Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) District Office and ask for a list of scrapie accredited veterinarians in your area. A list of CFIA District offices can be found at the following link:

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/directory/offbure.shtml>

- 3) Complete the Producer Information Form including your signature.
- 4) Have your scrapie accredited veterinarian complete and sign the Veterinarian Information Form.
- 5) Complete a farm map of the area which will hold the imported sheep or goats.
- 6) Verification from the local CFIA district office that the premises are not subject to CFIA quarantines for scrapie.

Send all of the above mentioned paperwork, plus payment, to the Scrapie Project Coordinator at Scrapie Canada. Once the paperwork is received, if all is completed correctly, the Scrapie Project Coordinator will send the producer a Letter of Temporary Enrollment.

Producers will use this letter to obtain an import permit from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). For more information on obtaining an import permit, please contact your local CFIA District Office. A list of offices can be found at the following:

: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/directory/offbure.shtml>

Once the animals have been imported into Canada, producers have 30 days to send the remaining paperwork to Scrapie Canada. This includes:

- 1) A completed inventory of all sheep and goats on the property. The inventory must be completed with the scrapie accredited vet and each page of the inventory dated and signed by your accredited veterinarian.
- 2) Producer Contribution Sheet.

Once the final paperwork is received, and deemed complete, the National Scrapie Coordinator will send out an official enrollment letter and certificate, marking the full enrollment on the program. From this point forward, the producer must follow all rules and regulations of the VSFCP.

Further Monitoring:

Animals imported into a premises enrolled in the VSFCP may only move to another premises also enrolled in the VSFCP of equivalent or lower status, or direct to slaughter.

A license for removal must be obtained from the CFIA district office responsible for the flock or herd. Restrictions on movement of the imported animals apply only until the flock or herd importing animals has met the Canadian definition of a negligible risk premises.

The movement of the offspring of an imported animal is not restricted. However, the movement of the offspring of caprine animals must be reported to the CFIA office of

responsibility for the herd, until such time as a national identification program becomes mandatory.

Flocks or herds who have enrolled in the VSFCP for the purposes of importing females are expected to remain on the program for a period of 5 years. Should a producer, having enrolled specifically for import, choose to quit the VSFCP their file will be reported to the CFIA in order to satisfy the existing the import conditions.