



Zoning for Foreign Animal Disease

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Overview of the initiative - Zoning

Objective:

- Ensure that Canada and the U.S. are collectively protected from foreign animal diseases, and that in the event of a foreign animal disease outbreak in either country, bilateral trade can continue between zones that are shown to remain disease free following an outbreak

Deliverable/Outcome:

- Work towards the establishment of a common regionalization framework to zoning for foreign animal diseases, that will apply to both Canada and the U.S.



Progress update

Action Item 1:

- Arrangement for mutual recognition of zoning decisions

Current Status:

- Arrangement signed by the United States and Canada on October 22, 2013, establishing the intention of each country to recognize each other's zoning decisions for in the event of a foreign animal diseases outbreak



Progress update

Action Item 2:

- Framework and high level processes for implementing and maintaining the recognition of zoning decisions over the long term

Current Status:

- Working group agreed upon Terms of Reference in January 2013
- Completion of the draft framework by mid-Summer 2013, with bilateral conference calls taking place at least monthly



Process for the next three months for ongoing alignment work

- *Current collaboration is a good basis for future work and the Guidance Framework provides a starting point for deeper regulatory cooperation.*
- *Work undertaken to date has been exploratory in nature and could form part of a more systemic approach in the future.*



Next steps and key issues

- APHIS and CFIA solicit industry-state-provincial-stakeholder input on guidance framework, starting October 2013
- Joint adoption of guidance framework anticipated in first quarter of 2014
- Planning, development and eventual launch, of pilot projects and cross-border initiatives with industry-state-provincial-stakeholder involvement on an ongoing basis.
 - Depending on resources, some activities could start as early as fall of 2013.



Questions

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Comments?