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**GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE AND
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT CERVIDS INTO QUÉBEC**

Where cervids are to be imported into Québec for the purpose of farming, a health certificate signed by the chief veterinarian of the province, state or country of origin is required in order to obtain authorization to import under the *Animal Health Protection Act* (R.S.Q., c. P-42). Importation authorization is issued by the Institut national de santé animale (INSA) of the ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ).

Where cervids imported into Québec will not come into contact with farmed or wild cervids, a health certificate is not required to obtain authorization to import. However, it is still mandatory to obtain authorization to import. Where cervids imported into Québec are in transit only, or are imported for slaughter or to be placed in permanent quarantine in a zoo, authorization to import may be issued if the buyer provides a written statement attesting that the cervids will not come into contact with farmed or wild cervids. The buyer must also undertake to provide written confirmation to MAPAQ of the fate of the cervids received and the fate of those with which they will come into contact. If the imported cervids die within 36 months of importation, a brain tissue examination must be conducted, at the owner's cost, in a MAPAQ animal pathology laboratory.

In the case of cervids imported into Québec for enclosed hunting that will not come into contact with farmed or wild cervids, the health certificate is not essential to obtaining authorization to import. However, it is still mandatory to obtain authorization to import, with one condition: all brain tissue of cervids for enclosed hunting must be analyzed in an animal pathology laboratory of the ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation and none of these animals may be sold for the purpose of farming.

SAMPLE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Chief Veterinarian, certify that:

- the cervids of the _____ species identified below come from the farm:

_____ ;
(Name and address of the farm)

- the farm has been enrolled in the Canadian Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Voluntary Herd Certification Program _____ since _____ ;
(Date of 1st eligible inventory)
- according to the veterinary practitioner, there have been no clinical signs of CWD in the herd for 36 months;
- review of the enterprise's records of the past 36 months shows that the pathological examination of the brain tissue of _____ deceased cervids, over 12 months old, did not confirm a diagnosis of CWD.

If CWD has been diagnosed in the area under my jurisdiction within the past 36 months, I certify that:

- the enterprise in question has been enrolled in a CWD surveillance program for at least 60 months;
- during this period, there have been no new subjects from an enterprise enrolled in a similar program for a period shorter than its own;
- the farm is located more than 40 km from the site at which a case of CWD was reported;
- this farm is located more than 40 km from an enterprise with an epidemiological link to a case of CWD.

DESCRIPTION OF ANIMALS

Number	H of A tag	Herd tag	Species	Age	Sex
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					

Signature of Chief Veterinarian

Date

SCHEDULE C

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE CHIEF VETERINARIAN OF THE PROVINCE OF ORIGIN OF THE CERVIDS TO PRODUCE THE HEALTH CERTIFICATE

Every document presented to the Chief Veterinarian must be **fully legible and handwritten in capital letters, typed or completed using a word processor**. A copy of these documents must be appended to the request for authorization (SCHEDULE D).

1. A copy of the owner-vendor's attestation that the herd is enrolled in a CWD surveillance program deemed acceptable by Québec.
2. A signed statement by the owner-vendor (SCHEDULE C.1)
 - indicating the duration of enrolment in the program and the status obtained.
If CWD has been diagnosed in the province of origin in the past 36 months, enrolment in the surveillance program must date back more than 5 years.
 - recognizing his/her liability for any financial loss arising from misrepresentation of the knowledge of histories or previous contacts.
 - indicating that in the past 36 months:
 - ✓ there have been no confirmed cases of CWD in the herd;
 - ✓ there have been no suspected cases of CWD in the herd;
 - ✓ no cervids from the herd have come into contact with a confirmed or suspected case of CWD;
 - ✓ no cervids have been transported with animals suspected of having CWD.
3. A signed statement by a veterinary practitioner familiar with the stock of the owner-vendor (SCHEDULE C.2) attesting that cervids suspected of carrying CWD in the past 36 months tested negative for CWD after laboratory testing.
4. A document by the CFIA (SCHEDULE C.3)
 - ✓ certifying that the enterprise is not suspected of carrying CWD
 - ✓ that the enterprise is located more than 40 km from any site at which cases of CWD have been diagnosed or from a farm with an epidemiological link to CWD.
5. A list of the animals introduced into the herd in the past 36 months (SCHEDULE C.4), including the contact information for the place of origin.
6. For each of the animals in list 5, append a signed statement by the veterinary practitioner of the former owner (SCHEDULE C.5) indicating that in the past 36 months:
 - ✓ there have been no confirmed cases of CWD in the herd;
 - ✓ there have been no suspected cases of CWD in the herd;
 - ✓ no cervids from the herd have come into contact with a confirmed or suspected case of CWD;
 - ✓ no cervids have been transported with animals suspected of having CWD.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNER-VENDOR

Section 1

I, the undersigned, _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

attest that:

- my herd has been enrolled in the Canadian Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Voluntary Herd Certification Program since _____
(Date of 1st eligible inventory)
- it obtained the status of _____ on _____ ;
- in the past 36 months, immunohistochemical examination of the brain tissue of _____ deceased cervids, over 12 months old, did not confirm a diagnosis of CWD.

(Signature of owner-vendor)

(Date)

Section 2

I certify that in the past 36 months, there have been no confirmed cases of CWD in the herd, there have been no suspected cases of CWD in the herd, no cervids from the herd have come in contact with a confirmed or suspected case of CWD, and no cervids have been transported with animals suspected of having CWD.

(Signature of owner-vendor)

(Date)

Section 3

I recognize my liability for any financial loss arising from misrepresentation of the knowledge of histories or previous contacts.

(Signature of owner-vendor)

(Date)

**STATEMENT OF THE VETERINARY PRACTITIONER FAMILIAR
WITH THE STOCK OF THE OWNER-VENDOR**

I, the undersigned, _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

attest that:

➤ I am a veterinary practitioner familiar with the stock of

Name of owner-vendor _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

➤ there have been no signs of chronic wasting disease (CWD) in any of the animals in the herd;

➤ the cervids suspected of carrying CWD in the past 36 months tested negative for CWD after laboratory testing.

(Signature of veterinary practitioner)

(Date)

Comments: _____

DOCUMENT TO COMPLETE BY THE CANADIAN FOOD INSPECTION AGENCY (CFIA)

I, the undersigned, _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Certify that the enterprise of:

Name of owner-vendor _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

is not suspected of carrying CWD and is located more than 40 km from any site at which cases of CWD have been diagnosed or from a farm with an epidemiological link to CWD.

(Signature of CFIA veterinarian)

(Date)

Comments: _____

LIST OF THE ANIMALS INTRODUCED INTO THE HERD IN THE PAST 36 MONTHS

Cervid species	<i>Official H of A tag</i>	<i>Second ear tag</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>	<i>Date of entry in the herd</i>	<i>Origin (contact information of former owner)</i>

**STATEMENT OF THE VETERINARY PRACTITIONER
OF THE FORMER OWNER OF THE CERVIDS INTRODUCED INTO THE HERD IN THE PAST 36
MONTHS**

<i>Cervid species</i>	<i>Official H of A tag</i>	<i>Second ear tag</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Sex</i>

I, the undersigned, _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

➤ declare that I am the veterinary practitioner familiar with the stock of

Name of owner _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

➤ attest that in the past 36 months, there have been no confirmed cases of CWD in the herd, there have been no suspected cases of CWD in the herd, no cervids from the herd have come in contact with a confirmed or suspected case of CWD, and no cervids have been transported with animals suspected of having CWD.

(Signature of veterinary practitioner)

(Date)

Comments: _____

**SAMPLE LETTER REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION
TO IMPORT CERVIDS INTO QUÉBEC**

Dr. Martine Dubuc, Director
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Dear Dr. Dubuc,

I, the undersigned, _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

am hereby requesting authorization to import into Québec _____
Number and species

from _____
Name and address of farm of origin

for the following purpose:

- CERVID FARMING
- ZOO
- ENCLOSED HUNTING
- SLAUGHTER
- OTHER _____

As required, I **have attached** the documents listed in SCHEDULE F.

Signature of buyer

Date

SCHEDULE E

LIST OF DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO PREPARE THE AUTHORIZATION TO IMPORT CERVIDS INTO QUÉBEC

CERVID FARMING

The buyer must send the following documents with the request for authorization to import cervids:

- Health certificate issued by the Chief Veterinarian of the province of origin;
- A copy of the documents needed to prepare the health certificate and listed in SCHEDULE C;
- A copy of the transportation authorization permit issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for the movement of cervids from the United States or within Canada;
- A copy of attestation of enrolment in the Quebec Surveillance Program for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) of the buyer's herd;
- A signed undertaking (**SCHEDULE E.1**) to:
 1. transport the cervids within 30 days of the date of issuance of the health certificate;
 2. assume that the violation of any term or condition of the protocol may result in the return of all cervids imported pursuant to the present authorization to the place of origin and the quarantining of the herd, at his/her cost.

ZOO

- A copy of the transportation authorization permit issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for the movement of cervids from the United States or within Canada;
- A signed undertaking (**SCHEDULE E.2**) by the buyer to:
 1. transport the cervids within 30 days of the date of issuance of the transportation authorization permit issued by the CFIA;
 2. keep the cervids received in separate paddocks (see note), without coming into contact with farmed or wild cervids;

The buyer must demonstrate the safety measures taken to fulfil this commitment, failing which he/she will have to meet the requirements for cervids imported for farming.

3. abstain from selling for farming any cervid kept in the paddock where the imported cervids are or were kept;
4. have a brain tissue examination conducted, at his/her cost, in an animal pathology laboratory of the ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ), of all cervids from the zoo that die within 36 months of the date of importation of the cervids for which an importation authorization is requested;
5. assume that the violation of any term or condition of the protocol may result in the return of all cervids imported pursuant to the present authorization to the place of origin and the quarantining of the herd, at his/her cost.

Unless he/she can commit to observe points 1, 2 and 3, the buyer must comply with the requirements for cervids imported for farming.

ENCLOSED HUNTING

- A copy of the transportation authorization permit issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for the movement of cervids from the United States or within Canada;
- A signed undertaking (**SCHEDULE E.3**) by the buyer to:
 1. transport the cervids within 30 days of the date of issuance of the transportation authorization permit issued by the CFIA;
 2. keep the cervids received in separate paddocks (see note), without coming into contact with farmed or wild cervids;

The buyer must demonstrate the safety measures taken to fulfil this commitment, failing which he/she will have to meet the requirements for cervids imported for farming.

3. have a brain tissue examination conducted at his/her cost, in an animal pathology laboratory of the ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ), of all the cervids that will be felled during enclosed hunting;
4. abstain from selling for farming any cervid kept in the paddock where the imported cervids are or were kept;
5. assume that the violation of any term or condition of the protocol may result in the return of all cervids imported pursuant to the present authorization to the place of origin and the quarantining of the herd, at his/her cost.

Unless he/she can commit to observe points 1, 2 and 3, the buyer must comply with the requirements for cervids imported for farming.

CERVIDS IMPORTED FOR SLAUGHTER

- A copy of the transportation authorization permit issued by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for the movement of cervids from the United States or within Canada;
- A signed undertaking (**SCHEDULE E.4**) by the buyer to:
 1. transport the cervids within 30 days of the date of issuance of the transportation authorization permit issued by the CFIA;
 2. transport the cervids directly to the packing plant for slaughter;
 3. have all cervids slaughtered within hours of their arrival at the packing plant;
 4. assume that the violation of any term or condition of the protocol may result in the return of all cervids imported pursuant to the present authorization to the place of origin and the quarantining of the herd, at his/her cost.

NOTE:

Operations will be considered separate only if:

- the paddocks where the cervids are kept are at least 40 feet (12.2 metres) apart (no line contact of the fences);
- the operations have no shared pasture, buildings or other facilities;
- the cervids of these operations do not have access to a common drinking reservoir;
- a producer having two operations has obtained a transportation authorization permit from the CFIA in order to ensure that imported cervids in transit are not taken to the cervid farming operation.

LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF THE BUYER (CERVID FARMING)

I, the undersigned, _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

- agree to transport the cervids within 30 days of the date of issuance of the health certificate;
- assume that the violation of any term or condition of the protocol may result in the return of all cervids imported pursuant to the present authorization to the place of origin and the quarantining of the herd, at my cost.

(Signature of buyer - cervid farming)

(Date)

LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF THE BUYER (ZOO)

I, the undersigned, _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

agree to

- transport the cervids within 30 days of the date of issuance of the health certificate;
- keep the cervids received in separate paddocks, without coming into contact with farmed or wild cervids;
- abstain from selling for farming any cervid kept in the paddock where the imported cervids are or were kept;
- a written confirmation to MAPAQ of the fate of the cervids received and the fate of those with which they will come into contact;
- have a brain tissue examination conducted at my cost, in an animal pathology laboratory of the ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ), of all the cervids from the zoo that die within 36 months of the date of importation of the cervids for which an importation authorization is requested;

and assume

- that the violation of any term or condition of the protocol may result in the return of all cervids imported pursuant to the present authorization to the place of origin and the quarantining of the herd, at my cost.

(Signature of buyer - zoo)

(Date)

SCHEDULE E.3

LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF THE BUYER (ENCLOSED HUNTING)

I, the undersigned, _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

agree to

- transport the cervids within 30 days of the date of issuance of the health certificate;
- keep the cervids received in separate paddocks, without coming into contact with farmed or wild cervids;
- abstain from selling for farming any cervid kept in the paddock where the imported cervids are or were kept;
- have a brain tissue examination conducted at my cost, in an animal pathology laboratory of the ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ), of all the cervids that will be felled during enclosed hunting;

and assume

- that the violation of any term or condition of the protocol may result in the return of all cervids imported pursuant to the present authorization to the place of origin and the quarantining of the herd, at my cost.

(Signature of buyer - enclosed hunting)

(Date)

LETTER OF COMMITMENT OF THE BUYER (SLAUGHTER)

I, the undersigned, _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

agree to

- transport the cervids within 30 days of the date of issuance of the transportation authorization permit issued by the CFIA;
- transport the cervids directly to the packing plant for slaughter;
- have all cervids slaughtered within hours of their arrival at the packing plant;

and assume

- that the violation of any term or condition of the protocol may result in the return of all cervids imported pursuant to the present authorization to the place of origin and the quarantining of the herd, at my cost.

(Signature of buyer - slaughter)

(Date)

SCHEDULE F

LIST OF CHIEF VETERINARIANS IN PROVINCES OF CANADA and veterinarians authorized to sign the health certificate for the Chief Veterinarian

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