

# Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP)



## Key milestones for mandatory RFID tags

While Canada continues to move towards government mandated traceability, it has become clear that traceability regulations will not be in place by December 31, 2011. However, traceability regulations will be phased in starting in 2011, and CSF is working on behalf of producers to help the industry make the transition to RFID tags in a cost-effective manner. As such, please note the timelines as the sheep industry moves forward:

### July 1, 2011

- Ketchum Kurl lock # 3 and Allflex dangle tags will no longer be available for sale **from the manufacturers, Ketchum and Allflex**, as Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP) tags;
- Retailers will have until October 1, 2011 to sell any remaining stocks.

### January 1, 2012

- Producers **are encouraged** to tag all animals born or tagged after this date with CSIP approved RFID tags (Shearwell Data Ltd SET tag or Allflex RFID Button Tag).
- Producers need to carefully monitor their stocks and use up inventory of the Ketchum Kurl lock #3 and Allflex dangle tags before December 31, 2012.
- **If you tag an animal which will still be in the population as of January 1, 2013 (i.e. breeding stock) with a non-RFID tag, that animal will be non-compliant after January 1, 2013. As a result, you will be required to retag the animal with a CSIP approved RFID tag and cross-reference with the old identification number if the animal is to leave the farm after January 1, 2013.**

### January 1, 2013

- Ketchum Kurl lock #3 and the Allflex dangle tags will be officially removed from the list of approved tags for the CSIP and will no longer be accepted from this date forward at sales, abattoirs or by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) for shipping, transfer or sale of sheep in Canada.

The government of Canada is committed to mandatory traceability, and CSF continues to work to ensure producer concerns are addressed.

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