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## **Country-of-origin labeling (COOL) remains in place for sheep and lamb**

For Immediate Release

December 18, 2015 – Ottawa, Ontario – In a joint press held earlier today, Minister Lawrence MacAulay (Agriculture) and Minister Chrystia Freeland (International Trade) announced that an omnibus appropriations bill that includes language to repeal U.S. Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) for beef and pork has cleared both the U.S. House and Senate, and was sent to President Barack Obama to be signed. But the bill will not see the repeal of COOL for sheep and lamb products. President Obama has now signed the bill.

Both Ministers MacAulay and Freeland claimed this recent development a ‘victory’ for Canadian agriculture. But Canada’s sheep industry is exceptionally disappointed in the federal governments elation over what is merely a selective repeal of legislation that will continue to contravene Canada’s free trade agreements.

Prior to BSE and COOL, the economic value of sheep and lamb exports exceeded \$18million annually. In 2014, Canada exported sheep and lamb export revenues were less than \$500,000. As a result of COOL, the Canadian sheep industry estimates it has lost between \$223 million and \$305 million in sheep and lamb exports.

“The federal government’s position from the beginning of COOL discussions should have been in defense of all Canadian agriculture, and not just a select few” said Phil Kolodychuk, Chairman of the Canadian Sheep Federation. Kolodychuk added “partial repeal of COOL legislation flies in the face of the WTO ruling and undermines existing trade agreements for all agriculture commodities. The decision by the US to maintain some level of COOL legislation in place is a litmus test of Canada’s resolve in defending its free trade position.”

The Canadian Sheep Federation has made efforts with both this government and previous Ministers of Agriculture and International Trade to discuss the impact that COOL has had on Canada’s sheep industry, but has been refused the opportunity to do so. In today’s press conference Minister



MacAulay committed to addressing any unresolved COOL issues moving forward. The Canadian Sheep Federation will aggressively pursue that commitment.



## Small ruminant import policy to change February 1, 2016

For Immediate Release

November 16, 2015 – Ottawa, Ontario - Following a lengthy consultation period that saw three draft policies considered over the past 3 years, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has announced that revised import policy for small ruminants intended for breeding purposes will change effective February 1, 2016.

Among other revisions, the policy will require that:

- Imported females must originate from a farm that is considered a “negligible risk premises”.
- Imported males must meet **ONE** of the following criteria to be eligible for import from the US:
  - Must originate from a “negligible risk premises”, **OR**
  - Rams must be of the codon 136AA 171RR or 136AA 171QQR genotype, **OR**
  - May be imported from any premises in the US provided they are imported onto a farm that has been enrolled in the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program (VSFCP) for a minimum of 1 year. Under this option, there are additional post-import restrictions placed on imported animals including how they are kept and where they can move.

The policy describes what constitutes a “negligible risk premises” in detail. In essence, US farms enrolled in the USDA Scrapie Flock Certification Program Export Monitored stream for a minimum of 5 years (even if they have not yet reached 'Export Certified' status) constitute negligible risk premises. In addition to scrapie-related restrictions, some disease testing may be required depending on the species and state of origin.

Import policies for all species are reviewed and revised regularly to ensure that they remain in line with current domestic disease control policies and that they reflect the most current science in disease control. The CFIA currently has scrapie control programs and measures in place in Canada, and the revisions to import policy are designed to ensure that the risk of importing scrapie infected sheep and goats into Canada is minimized.



Scrapie is a threat to the health of the national sheep flock and goat herd. Not only is scrapie a debilitating disease that over time causes affected animals to suffer, scrapie-exposed and at-risk animals are subject to disease control actions that can include euthanasia. For these reasons, small ruminant industry groups are supporting efforts to prevent the spread of scrapie and its implications in animal health and welfare. The goal is to minimize any further losses to producers and to the industry. There is no question that this policy represents increased restrictions on the import of new genetics, but it is designed to protect the industry over the long term.

In an effort to support producers who wish to import breeding stock from the US, the Canadian Sheep Federation (CSF), through its Scrapie Canada activities, continues to offer the VSFCP for all interested Canadian sheep and goat producers.

For more information about the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program, contact Scrapie Canada by calling 888.684.7739 or by emailing [admin@scrapiecanada.ca](mailto:admin@scrapiecanada.ca).

For a full copy of the future import policy, please contact the Canadian Sheep Federation by phone at 888.684.7739 or by email at '[info@cansheep.ca](mailto:info@cansheep.ca)'.



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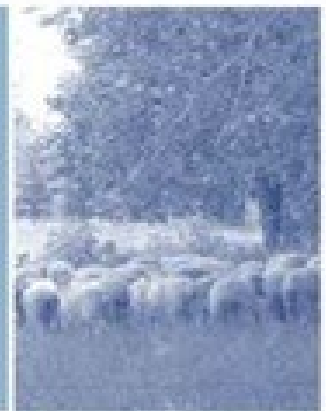
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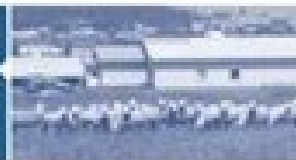
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# MSU Small Ruminant Health Symposium

**Saturday, October 1, 2016**

**8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

**MSU College of Veterinary Medicine**

Registration: \$40 per person\*; Toxic Plant lab: additional \$15

***THIS EVENT IS LIMITED TO 150 PARTICIPANTS. Pre-registration is required to attend.***

Registration closes when full or on Friday, September 30 at 12:00 p.m.

\*Includes proceedings, lunch, and transportation to labs

Online access: \$20 per person; Toxic Plants lab not available online.

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Symposium Program At-A-Glance (subject to change)

8:30–9:00 a.m.	<b>Registration Sign in, Light Refreshments</b>
9:00–9:15 a.m.	<b>Welcome and Introductions, Room G150, College of Veterinary Medicine</b>
9:15–10:30 a.m.	<b>Sustainable Integrated Parasite Management for Small Ruminants: These Ain't Your Father's Parasites</b> <i>Dr. Ray Kaplan, University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Infectious Disease, Athens, GA</i>
10:30–11:45 a.m.	<b>Updates/Research Sessions: Hoof Health, Reproduction and Development, Parasites, Toxicology</b>
11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m.	<b>Lunch and Learn, A213 cafeteria, College of Veterinary Medicine</b>
12:45–4:45 p.m.	<b>Labs/Workshops—choose two:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Necropsy Lab, 1300 Anthony Hall</b> <i>Dr. Dalen Agnew, Michigan State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Pathobiology and Diagnostic Investigation, East Lansing, MI</i></li> <li>• <b>Toxic Plants, W. J. Beal Botanical Garden</b> <i>Dr. Peter Carrington, Michigan State University, W. J. Beal Botanical Garden, East Lansing, MI</i> <i>(additional cost of \$15 per person, not available online)</i></li> <li>• <b>Understanding Parasitic Life Cycles and Learning Quantitative Fecal Egg Counting, G200 Histology Lab, College of Veterinary Medicine</b> <i>Dr. Ray Kaplan, University of Georgia, College of Veterinary Medicine, Department of Infectious Disease, Athens, GA</i></li> </ul>
4:45–5:30 p.m.	<b>Reception, atrium outside Room G150, College of Veterinary Medicine</b>

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