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Effective July 1, 2014, amendments to the federal Health of Animals Regulations will make the reporting of domestic pig movement between sites a mandatory activity.

Livestock traceability systems are based upon three basic elements: animal identification; premises identification; and animal movement.

Premises identification is the responsibility of each of the provincial and territorial governments. Premises are defined as sites where animals are grown, kept, assembled or disposed of. In Nova Scotia, the Department of Agriculture has developed a system to register sites and assign a unique premises identification number. This premises identification number is necessary to identify unique locations and is required for movement reporting.

For more information about registering for a premises identification number for your site(s), please contact Dawn Miller at the Department of Agriculture at 902-890-3377, by e-mail at NSPID@gov.ns.ca or you can find more information at <http://novascotia.ca/agri/programs-and-services/industry-protection/>.

Regards,


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