



## Notice of Exception - *Certified Sustainable Beef Framework*

April 23, 2020, Calgary AB. – After careful consideration, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Canadian Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (CRSB) has issued a temporary exception for all Certification Bodies.

Under the *Certified Sustainable Beef Framework*, certification would normally be conducted on-site by independent auditors. These auditors work for 3<sup>rd</sup> party Certification Bodies approved by the CRSB.

This temporary exception allows for auditing to the Sustainable Beef Production Standard and Chain of Custody Requirements, to be conducted remotely, at the discretion of the Certification Body. For situations that do not allow for an on-site or remote audit to be completed, a six-month extension may be granted for operations requiring recertification.

This exception will remain in effect until December 31, 2020, or until withdrawn by the CRSB, at its discretion.

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#### **Certified Sustainable Farm Audits**

At the discretion of the Certification Body (CB), an on-site certification may be replaced with a remote audit where necessary. If an onsite audit or remote audit is not viable, the audit may be postponed, and an extension may be granted for operations requiring re-certification onsite audits.

#### **Chain of Custody Audits**

On-site chain of custody audits may, at the discretion of the Certification Body (CB), be replaced with a remote audit. If an onsite audit or remote audit is not viable, the audit may be postponed, and an extension may be granted for operations requiring recertification on-site audits.

#### **Certified Sustainable Processing Plant Audits**

On-site processing plant certification audits shall be postponed until further notice.

The CRSB will continue monitor the situation and communicate any further updates.

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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For information about the *Certified Sustainable Beef Framework*, visit [www.crsbcertified.ca](http://www.crsbcertified.ca).