



LIVE CATTLE CHAIN OF CUSTODY EXCEPTION POLICY FOR THE CRSB CERTIFIED SUSTAINABLE BEEF FRAMEWORK

Notice of Exception

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Certified Sustainable Beef Framework Canada has implemented a temporary exception to its Chain of Custody (CoC) Requirements for live cattle in advance of the full publication of the *Certified Sustainable Beef Framework* (the 'Framework') updates stemming from its extensive five-year review.

The CoC requirement that, "Cattle must move through CRSB Certified Operations (that are in scope for a certification audit in the Sustainable Beef Production Standard and Sustainable Beef Processing Standard) from birth up to and including the primary processor to qualify for a CRSB Claim," has not changed.

This exception revokes the allowance that, "If animals move out of a certified management system to an operation that is out of scope for a CRSB audit and move back in within 6 months, they will still qualify for a CRSB Claim," from the primary processors' implementation of CRSB's Chain of Custody Requirements.

This exception includes an allowance that, "For operations certified to the CRSB Production Standard after January 1, 2023, animals born on (cow/calf) or moved-in from another Certified Operation (feedlot) within six-months of the operation's official certification date, will still qualify for a CRSB claim if no major non-conformities¹ were identified by the Certification Body's initial audit," to the primary processors' implementation of CRSB's Chain of Custody Requirements.

This temporary exception addresses challenges with the interpretation of CRSB's Chain of Custody Requirements identified through the scheduled five-year review of the *Certified Sustainable Beef Framework* and gives primary processors more time to implement what will become permanent updates upon the completion and publication of the CRSB Chain of Custody Requirements, Version 2.0, later this year.

This exception will remain in effect until October 31, 2023, or until withdrawn by the CRSB, at its discretion.

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¹ Major non-conformities are defined as actions that do not comply with the CRSB Production Standard and jeopardize the integrity of its outcomes so that animals, people and resources are potentially at risk of harm due to the (lack of) practices in place.