

Effective January 31, 2010, equine owners intending to sell animals directly or indirectly to Canadian meat processors, are being advised to record certain information. Those who wish to keep their sale options open should record all vaccines and medications given to their animals and record any occurrences of illness. As of July 31, 2010, it will be mandatory for all federally-inspected equine processing facilities to have complete records dating back six months for all domestic and imported animals. In order to help owners collect all of the necessary information, the CFIA is launching a new Equine Information Document (EID). The EID is the first step in the development of a comprehensive food safety and traceability program for the Canadian equine industry. The document will require an owner-signed declaration to verify the accuracy of the information. For the latest on identifying and recording health information for your equine, please visit www.inspection.gc.ca or call 1-800-442-2342.