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Action Items from December 4, 2017, Board Meeting

- Communication pieces regarding new membership classes and fees approved for distribution.
- Draft ethics policy circulated for the Board’s consideration.
- National Maedi Visna Working Group Terms of Reference and membership ratified.
- Comments regarding Health Canada’s fee proposal consultation were drafted and circulated to the Board for approval prior to the January 4, 2018, submission deadline.
- Comments regarding the Canadian Free Trade Agreement consultation on regulatory reconciliation and cooperation were approved and submitted.

CSIP / Traceability

- The Regulatory Implementation Committee met in December, continuing with its work plan. Meeting agenda items included:
 - Updates from RIC members on the state of readiness and the identification of gaps and where RIC can help
 - Temporary PID Standard Operating Procedures
 - Movement document
 - PID Headquarters location discussion
 - Update on PID Blitz Statistics
 - Regulatory amendment update
 - Regulatory decision tree
 - Documents incorporated by reference into traceability regulations
 - Draft newsletter
 - PID for non-commercial farms

For Broad Distribution

- TNIP
- DFC presentation

Scrapie Eradication Strategic Plan (Claire Knubley)

- The Scrapie Canada website development continued with sidebar content of the website continues to be reviewed for revision or deletion. All external website links are being examined for link viability. All content originating from external sources continues to be under review to ensure correct formatting and presentation. The French webpages are continuing to be translated and updated.
- An advertisement promoting Scrapie Canada was circulated to two publications. The advertisement highlighted the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program, encouraging any interested parties to contact Scrapie Canada via www.scrapiecanada.ca. The advertisement also featured Scrapie Canada's redesigned logo, acknowledged the Canadian Sheep Federation as the provider of Scrapie Canada and the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program, and referenced that both Scrapie Canada and the Voluntary Scrapie Flock Certification Program are funded through Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Growing Forward 2 AgriMarketing Program.
- To date, there has been a total of seven goat herds found to be infected with scrapie, and one sheep flock confirmed to have scrapie. Comparatively, 2016 saw two sheep flocks confirmed to have scrapie, and one goat herd.

Canadian Verified Sheep Program (Kristy House)

- In the month December 2017 the first farm was certified on the full Canadian Verified Sheep Program in Nova Scotia. Brook Ridge Farm owned by Rhonda McCarron and Ian McCarron.
- As result of the auditor training sessions 4 auditors were certified in Newfoundland, and the certification of one auditor and two auditors in P.E.I and Newfoundland are pending with the completion documentation. Feedback on the efficiency and process of the auditor training sessions was requested from the trainees. As a result the auditor training slide show, handbook, and audit checklist are being revised to better improve the process and accuracy for both auditors and producers.
- An auditor training sessions has been arranged in Saskatchewan to train auditors for Saskatchewan and Manitoba and potentially Alberta. The training sessions will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan in the beginning of February, and two more farms will be receiving audits and potentially certified on the CVSP.
- Based on the outcome the CFIA's FSRP 18-month review off changes process, revisions were made to the food safety Chapter in the CVSP Producer Manual. Training materials have been made to reflect the changes. All changes will be implemented fully in the coming months.

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- The CFIA hosted a seminar in Ottawa on the issues surrounding food fraud and how it affects food industry. Presentations were made by the CFIA and representatives from Loblaws, MapleLeaf and Wal-mart. The seminar was concluded by a round table discussion and questions for the panelists.
- NFACC meeting was hosted in Ottawa and the findings of the Sheep Transport Code Research Committee were presented.

Other Updates

- During their December meeting, the CSF Board of Directors established membership fees for the newly created Affiliate and Associate membership classes, as follows:
 - Affiliate membership will be available to organizations, incorporated companies or departments of provincial and federal government agencies. An Affiliate Member will be able to appoint a Director to the CSF Board, attend and vote at all the organization's meetings, and provide input on current issues. Affiliate Memberships will cost between \$2,000 and \$4,000 annually, depending on the applicant's annual budget.
 - Associate membership will be available to individuals, organizations, incorporated companies or departments of provincial and federal government agencies. An Associate may not appoint a Director, but they will be able to attend all the organization's meetings and provide input on current issues. Associate membership fees have been set at \$100 annually.
- In preparing for the intake of new members, the CSF Board of Directors will craft an ethics policy for members and Directors.
- CSF Chairman, Phil Kolodychuk, attended a series of meetings and events with Minister MacAulay as part of a trade delegation visit to Mexico in early December. The itinerary included:
 - Alimentaria Official Inauguration Ceremony with the Canadian delegation; opening remarks by President Enrique Pena Nieto, Mexico Federation of Agriculture President and Secretary Calzada,
 - Alimentaria Canada booth official opening; remarks by Minister MacAulay and Secretary Calzada,
 - Alimentaria Food Show tour
 - Joint Keynote Conference – Canada-Mexico Agriculture Relationship; keynote speakers Minister MacAulay and Secretary Calzada,
 - Canadian Embassy's Canadian Chamber of Commerce Annual Christmas/End of Year Cocktail Party, and
 - Mexican – Canadian Agriculture Roundtable; hosted by Minister MacAulay.
- The Canadian Sheep Federation continues to work with the CFIA to ratify an SOP (Standard Operating Procedures) for the newly revised CWD VHCP National Standards. The CFIA has extended the deadline for implementing the updated standards, from December 31, 2017, to March 31, 2018.

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- The CSF's National Maedi Visna Working Group held its inaugural meeting this December. During the meeting, Working Group members reviewed the Terms of Reference ratified by the CSF Board and began developing the work plan that will lead to the development of a national Maedi Visna program. The Working Group will meet again early in 2018 to begin working through elements of the work plan.

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This month's meetings

- CFIA – Chronic Wasting Disease Voluntary Herd Certification Program Audit
- Canadian Sheep Federation Board of Directors Conference Call
- National Farm Animal Care Council Board Meeting
- Market Access Secretariat Annual Meeting
- Minister of Agriculture – Mexico Trade Meetings, Mexico City
- Regulatory Implementation Committee – Ottawa
- Agricultural Trade Negotiation Consultative Group – NAFTA
- Chronic Wasting Disease Voluntary Herd Certification Program Working Group
- National Maedi Visna Working Group
- CFIA – CWD VHCP