

**FORM 6 – INITIAL & ANNUAL OPERATION REVIEW
CWD VOLUNTARY HERD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

Cervid Farmer:

I am responsible for this operation and confirm that it meets the National Standards for the Canadian Chronic Wasting Disease Voluntary Herd Certification Program.

Accredited or Official Veterinarian:

I have completed a thorough review of this operation and have confirmed that it meets the National Standards for the Canadian Chronic Wasting Disease Voluntary Herd Certification Program requirements in the following areas:

1. Eligibility of herd, refer to the Certification Standards, Section 3.2.

The regional VHCP must be open to any owner/cervid farm operator of a premises on which cervids are kept, provided that the owner/cervid farm operator and the premises meet the regional VHCP requirements, that the owner/cervid farm operator of the premises holds a valid cervid farm licence (where applicable), and that the right to participate in the regional VHCP has not been revoked.

Eligibility _____
 veterinarian to initial only if conforms

2. Inclusiveness, refer to the Certification Standards, Section 3.3.

All cervids on a premises must be included in the herd enrolled in the regional VHCP, species and ownership notwithstanding.

Inclusiveness _____
 veterinarian to initial only if conforms

3. Multiple Premises (if applicable), refer to the Certification Standards, Sections 3.5 & 3.6

Multiple premises must be listed under the same certification contract if the premises belong to the same owner and are located contiguous to each other. The premises must collectively meet all of the regional VHCP requirements.

Multiple Contiguous Premises _____
 veterinarian to initial only if conforms n/a

Multiple non-contiguous premises may be permitted to be listed under the same certification contract if the premises belong to the same owner/cervid farm operator. Whatever happens to one premises will happen to the other and the premises will hold the status of the lowest premises.

Multiple Non-contiguous Premises _____
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4. **Facilities**, refer to the
Certification Standards, Section 3.7.

Facilities must be appropriate as follows, as per guidelines set out in the Certification Standards for a Canadian Chronic Wasting Disease Voluntary Herd Certificate Program for Facilities:

- *A completed **Form 11 – Biosecurity Assessment** has been completed and included with the application package,*
- *facilities must allow for easy handling of cervids and for examination of all cervid identification devices including CFIA Health of Animals (H of A) tags,*
- *fences must be adequate to prevent the escape of cervids and must meet any provincial standards, and*
All harvested and purchased feed must be stored in a manner that renders it inaccessible to wild cervids.

Facilities _____

veterinarian to initial only if conforms

5. **Inventory**, refer to the Certification Standards, Section 4.1.1.

I have conducted a complete initial inventory that meets the program requirements:

Inventories, the initial inventory, first advancement year inventory and those conducted thereafter every second year of participation in the program, will be physical inventories conducted by an accredited veterinarian, an official veterinarian or a trained and qualified provincial/territorial staff of the VHCP department (eg. game farm inspectors, etc.) where available and willing to fulfill the role of an approved third party.

*During the physical inventory, all live cervids 12 months of age and older in the herd (and any stored dead cervid heads/samples) must be individually inspected and **all** identification devices, including any official devices, must be recorded.*

If a herd inspection is performed by a CFIA veterinary inspector for the purposes of the CFIA's tuberculosis or brucellosis testing program, this may replace part, or all, of the inventory.

Annual inventories are conducted in the years when physical inventories are not required. An annual inventory may identify the cervids by the use of unique identification devices (such as dangle tags) which are visible at a distance.

The Initial inventory must have been completed and reported within three months of the time the application is submitted. Each annual inventory must be completed and reported within the three months of the anniversary of the initial inventory = anniversary quarter. Important note: your initial inventory always remains your anniversary date and your anniversary quarter moves forward or back from this date by three months on either side

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I have supervised / reviewed such an inventory conducted by one of the qualified personnel specified above.

Inventory _____
 veterinarian to initial only if conforms

6. **Records**, refer to the Certification Standards, various Sections.

The producer keeps detailed records that conform to the Program's requirements:

Information sharing requires all herd information, including inventories, test results, movement permits, movement of embryos and semen, deaths, or sales relevant to CWD or to the population of the herd, to be available to the owner, the CFIA, the appropriate provincial department or agency, the Regional Administrator and the veterinarian. The owner must also agree to allow publication of the status of the herd under the Program, refer to the Certification Standards, Section 2.4: Reporting.

AND

The owner must keep detailed herd records of every cervid that is born on or enters the premises no matter who the owner is or who is responsible for the cervid. The records must be kept for a period of five years after the animal has left the herd or has died. They must be made available to the status assessor, the accredited veterinarian, program delivery personnel or the CFIA inspector at any reasonable time, and must be presented at the time of each annual inspection or inventory.

For all cervids in the herd, the basic data that must be maintained in records **and included as part of the annual report** includes the following:

- the cervid's species;
- the cervid's identification tag/device number(s);
- the cervid's sex;
- the date the cervid entered the herd (day if available, month and year);
- the cervid's date of birth (day, month, year);
- the source of the cervid (homegrown, purchased, loaned);
- any cervid movement permits;
- if the cervid was not born in the herd, the name and address of the person from whom it was obtained; a copy of **the proof of herd status** issued for the herd of origin; and the day, month, and year it was issued;
- the date the cervid left the herd; the premises to which the cervid was moved; and the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom the cervid was sold (new owners/cervid farm operators are required to keep bills of sale);
- the reason for the cervid leaving and appropriate documentation (a shipping invoice if shipped, a receipt if sold, a date of death/test result); and
- CWD testing results for all cervids 12 months of age and older that die (including slaughter, as per section 4.2.1) or are destroyed for any reason.

Records _____
 veterinarian to initial only if conforms

7. **Identification**, refer to the Certification Standards, Sections 3.9 & 3.10.

All cervids 12 months of age or older must be identified by two unique identification devices, one of which must be an official tag. Where both national and provincial/territorial official identification requirements exist, the identification of the cervids must comply with both requirements. All cervids must be similarly tagged if moved off the premises, or if a change in ownership occurs.

Cervids less than 12 months of age must be identified in a manner that enables the owner/cervid farm operator to track these cervids in the herd inventory. They must be appropriately identified (where required by regulation) when a change in ownership occurs or when the cervids are moved outside their usual location (e.g. insemination centre, sales barn or auction barn).

Identification _____
 veterinarian to initial only if conforms

8. **Reconciliation**

I have carefully examined all records kept by the producer and have determined these records match the information submitted by the producer as part of this application package.

Reconciliation _____
 veterinarian to initial only if conforms

9. **Additional Requirements**

- a) I have verified there are a total of _____ (total represents all animals including those under 12 months of age) animals in the current inventory of this operation, and that all animal movements in or out of this operation in the last year have been accounted for with the proper documentation, lab report and / or permits
- b) I have verified that all documents are included to verify that all new animals listed in the *Annual Inventory Reconciliation Form* are either the result of a natural increase, or of a legal purchase whereby all necessary permits have been properly submitted and reviewed by myself; ie: *transport permits and /or import permits*
- c) I have been responsible for the veterinary care of the herd and am not aware of any cervid that had symptoms and/or died of CWD.

Additional Requirements _____
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Farm Name _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Dated this ___ day of _____, 20__

Dated this ___ day of _____, 20__

Cervid Farmer Signature

Accredited/Official Veterinarian Signature

Cervid Farmer Printed Name

Accredited/Official Veterinarian Printed Name

Veterinarian Street Address

Veterinarian Town / City / Postal Code

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Phone Number

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Fax

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Residence

E-Mail Address