

## 2009 Cross Border Livestock Health Conference Action Item Status Report

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### Action Item 3:

Urge the USDA to expedite the rule making process to restore access for Canadian sheep and goats, and work with the federal officials from Canada and the US to achieve this goal.

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Project Team	Project Role
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### Project Status:

Time Period	UPDATE
July 2009 – Oct 2009	Rule-making for breeding sheep and goats: We learned at the meeting in Boise that the work plan for the writing of this rule had been approved. Although this doesn't guarantee a timeline, at least we know that it is on the "radar screen". It was also noted that a meeting between CFIA and USDA was going to happen the following week. Indeed, that meeting did take place when Dr. Penny Greenwood and Dr. Pierre Lafortune went to Riverdale to meet with USDA officials. They prepared a summary report for industry and I had only received it a day or two prior to our conference call and had not had time to read it. In any case, there is a Canadian small ruminant industry conference call during the first week of September to discuss the report. So again, progress is being made and I will report to the working group after the industry call. (Rick McDonald)
Nov 2009 – Jan 2010	Nothing reported at this time.