



Pedigree Cattle Permits and Livestock Permits

Livestock Identification and Commerce Act S.A. 2006 c. L-16.2

The *Livestock Identification and Commerce Act* (LICA) came into effect on January 1, 2009.

Under this new legislation, Livestock Identification Services Ltd. (LIS) can issue either pedigree cattle permits or livestock permits to those who wish to transport pedigree cattle out of the province. Pedigree cattle permits allow the same livestock to be transported out of Alberta more than once in a calendar year. Pedigree cattle are cattle that are registered under the *Animal Pedigree Act*.

Livestock accompanied with a pedigree cattle permit can be transported within Alberta without a livestock manifest and can be transported out of Alberta without a livestock permit. These permits cannot, however, be used to transport pedigree cattle for sale or slaughter. Pedigree cattle can no longer be transported out of Alberta with a livestock manifest and valid registration certificates or bills of sale.

Under LICA all pedigree cattle have to be inspected prior to transportation out of Alberta. Registration certificates issued by an animal pedigree association can be used as proof of ownership so long as the owner named on the registration certificate is the person applying for the cattle pedigree permit or the livestock permit. Once inspected, either a cattle pedigree permit or a livestock permit may be issued.

The inspection fee for a pedigree cattle permit is \$10.00 per head. The inspection fee for a livestock permit is \$1.00 per head. The minimum inspection fee in both cases is \$20.00. More than one head of pedigree cattle can be included on each pedigree cattle permit or livestock permit. Pedigree cattle permits expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. Livestock permits expire 7 days from the date of issue or when the livestock is delivered to their destination.

The changes in the Act with respect to pedigree cattle permits and livestock permits were done in consultation with the purebred cattle industry.