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Subject: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries: Changes to the Meat Inspection Regulation are now in force

Good afternoon,

Effective October 1, I am pleased to announce that changes to the Meat Inspection Regulation are now in force. These changes to meat inspection represent the culmination of many years of work. I'd like to thank everyone who made their voice heard during consultations and had a hand in making change possible.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fish and Food is currently in the process of sending all existing licence holders their transition licences, which should be completed shortly.

Moving forward, we will be partnering with FrontCounterBC for the intake of new Farmgate and Farmgate Plus licence applications, and we will be requiring all licence holders to sign up for Premises ID to improve traceability.

We look forward to continuing to work with colleagues and stakeholders to transform the local meat sector in BC.

For licensing related questions, we would like to direct you to our updated [Meat Inspection and Licensing webpages](#) which contain new information about the changes to licensing. We would also like to highlight a new [Farmgate and Farmgate Plus Licence Frequently Asked Questions website](#) intended to be a "go to" resource for anyone with questions about the new improved licensing framework.

If you have specific questions, please contact [myself](#) or [Karl Martinson](#), at the Food Safety Inspection Branch.

Sincerely,
Gavin Last
Executive Director, Food Safety Inspection Branch