

RECORD 6: CATTLE HEALTH DECLARATION (FS14)

Farmer Name (Name on License): _____

License #: _____

Veterinarian Name: _____

Veterinarian Declaration:

As of this date, I have visibly observed the general health status of the cattle in this herd and found them to be healthy, or receiving satisfactory care and treatment for routine health conditions. I have verified that this farmer has in place a system for identifying treated and sick cows and for preventing milk from these cows from entering the farmer's bulk tank(s).

Veterinarian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Notes:

The Declaration is valid for one year and must be renewed annually.

MB, ON and QC have different forms for the Declaration. Farmers should contact their provincial associations for these forms.

Guidelines for the Declaration:

The intent of the Cattle Health Declaration is to satisfy the export requirement from foreign countries to demonstrate that milk used in exported products is sourced from healthy animals. An annual herd health inspection conducted by a veterinarian is the minimum requirement.

A veterinarian should look for evidence or visible signs in the herd for a disease that is transmissible to humans by milk or that adversely affects the quality or flavor of the milk. If the milk is considered acceptable by the provincial regulatory body, the veterinarian should be able to sign the Declaration.

All Canadian farmers are required to obtain the Declaration because milk is co-mingled in Canada and milk destined for export products is not segregated.

The Cattle Health Declaration does not include animal welfare. It is specific to animal health.