BRITISH COLUMBIA | Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Animal Health Act - General Order AIV2026-02

Person(s) and Place Subject to Order
Name of person(s) subject to this order: 1) All Persons Responsible for cattle of any age ("Cattle") where the Cattle are moved onto a British Columbia Premises, if those Cattle have been imported from the State of Washington, United States ("Washington State") into British Columbia on any date after September 23, 2026. For the purposes of this order: a) a "British Columbia Premises" is any location in British Columbia to which Cattle are moved; and b) a "Person Responsible" for Cattle has the same meaning as in s. 1 of the *Animal Health Act,* SBC 2014, c 16 (the "Act").
Contact information:
Location of premises this order relates to, if applicable:
Premises identification account number(s): **Premises identification number(s):**
Contact information of owner of premises, if different from above:

Contact information for operator of premises, if different from above:
Date this order is issued: October 27, 2026 **Date this order takes effect, if different:**
Reference Number: AIV2026-02

THE PERSON(S) SUBJECT TO THIS ORDER MUST COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER.

Reason for Order

The Chief Veterinarian reasonably believes the following:

This order and the actions listed are believed necessary under s. 40 of the Act to address a condition that presents a significant risk of causing a threat to animal health, specifically: to prevent the occurrence and spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza virus in Cattle (Act s. 39(1)(c)).

Background information:

Highly pathogenic avian influenza in Cattle is a reportable disease under Appendix 1, s. 10(3)(a) and (b) of the Reportable and Notifiable Disease Regulation made under the Act, as it has never been seen in Canada and the impact on Canadian herds would be very serious. Washington State detected its first ever cases on October 8, 2026, and movement of animals is the primary means for disease transmission between herds. Cattle from Washington State are imported into British Columbia on a regular basis.

This Order is in Respect of the Following

Animal(s) (specific):

Identification #	Age	Sex	Species	Description

Type of animal(s) generally:

Cattle imported from Washington State

Premises:

Animal products/ by-products:

Things:

Actions which Must be Taken

Action: Any Person Responsible for Cattle who has moved or moves Cattle onto a British Columbia Premises, if those Cattle have been imported from Washington State into British Columbia on any date after September 23, 2026, must report the movement to the Chief Veterinarian via DairyTrace, the Canadian Livestock Tracking System (CLTS), or by email to Chief.Veterinarian@gov.bc.ca. The report must include the Premises ID Number (as defined in the Premises Identification Regulation made under the Act) and the animal identification number(s).

The report must be made:

a) within three days of the date of this order, if the Cattle were moved onto British Columbia Premises after September 23, 2026, but before the date of this order;
b) within three days of the date of the movement of Cattle onto British Columbia Premises, if the Cattle are moved on the date of this order or later.

Date by which action must be complete, if applicable:

Completed? Y/N	**Inspector Initial and Date**

Notes:

Other Conditions

Additional Comments

Authority for Order

This order is issued pursuant to sections 39 and 40 of the *Animal Health Act.*

Termination of Order

This Order terminates on the following date or in the following circumstances: refer to section 50(a) of the *Animal Health Act.* See Appendix A.

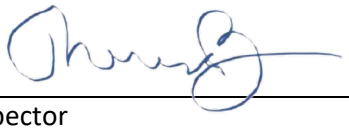
Contact Information

Name and contact information of inspector making order:

Dr. Theresa Burns, Chief Veterinary Officer

Chief.Veterinarian@gov.bc.ca

Veterinarian or diagnostic laboratory contacted:



Inspector

October 26, 2026

Date

Orders

You have been issued an order. Failure to comply with an order is an offense under s. 81 of the *Animal Health Act*. If this order is posted, you must not remove, alter, or deface it. If an inspector believes that you are not adequately complying with this order, an inspector is authorized to enter into the place described in this document and take action to ensure this order is carried out. You are liable for all costs of any work that the inspector authorizes to be carried out to ensure compliance with this order.

You may request reassessment, reconsideration, or review of this order. A request must be in the form and manner required by the Chief Veterinarian.

Reassessment

You may request the issuing inspector to reassess the circumstances under which this order was made, assess the extent to which it has been complied with, and determine if it continues to be necessary. The inspector may decide to confirm, vary, or terminate this order.

Reconsideration

If you have additional relevant information which was not available when the inspector made the order you may request the issuing inspector to reconsider this order. The inspector may

- Vary, confirm, or rescind this order;
- Delay the date the order takes effect or suspend the order, if this will not be a risk to animal or public health; or,
- Reject your request if the information is not new or not relevant.

This order continues to be in effect while the inspector reconsiders it unless the inspector agrees in writing to suspend it. You will receive written reasons for the reconsideration decision. You may not request a second reconsideration.

Review

If you have completed a request for reconsideration, you may request a review of this order. This review will be based on the existing record. The reviewer may

- Vary, confirm or rescind the order; or
- Delay the date the order takes effect or suspend the order, if this will not be a risk to animal or public health; or,
- Refer the matter back to the person who made the order, with or without directions.

The order continues to be in effect during the review. You will receive written reasons for this decision. You may not request further review under the *Animal Health Act*, but may have other recourse.

Appendix A

Section 50 of the *Animal Health Act* states

50 An order ceases to have effect on the date or in the circumstances stated in the order, or if no date or circumstances are stated, as follows:

(a) If an order is served by posting the order, or notice of the order, in or on a place, on the date the order or notice is removed from the place by the minister or the inspector who made the order, or by a person acting under the direction of either of them;

(b) If an order is served by publishing the order, or notice of the order, on the date the inspector who made the order publishes a notice that the order has been terminated;

(c) If an order is made under section 41 (m) *[general orders]*, on the date the person subject to the order provides evidence of compliance as required by the order;

(d) In any other case, on the date the inspector who made the order provides notice by any means to the person subject to the order that the order is terminated.