

Ministry of Agriculture
BRIEFING NOTE FOR MINISTER FOR INFORMATION

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Background: Bovine TB is a federally reportable disease controlled by CFIA under the federal *Animal Health Act*. A

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There is no vaccine available to protect cattle from bovine TB, and no treatment for affected cattle. Tests are available to identify infected cattle, under the jurisdiction of CFIA.

Bovine TB can infect humans through unpasteurized milk, direct contact with infected cattle, or raw, infected meat and the clinical consequences can be exacerbated by pre-existing conditions. Many species of wildlife can be infected with bovine TB.

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Although TB diagnosis and control is the responsibility of CFIA, CFIA has been informed that the BC Animal Health Laboratory in Abbotsford will assist in any way possible.

Recommendations:

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