

SFCP Standards – Significant Revisions

In FYs 2015-2016, APHIS revised the SFCP Standards and are expected to be published in FY 2016. Updates to the SFCP Standards included the following items.

Revision	Location
Clarified the requirements for animals originating from Inconsistent States.	<i>Part II.C [p20] & Part IV.L [p52]</i>
Moved the requirement that all cull animals are inspected by a veterinarian for signs of scrapie to its own section for clarity.	<i>Part III.I [p26]</i>
Added clarification on requirements to import goat/sheep embryos	<i>Part III.L.2 [p28]</i>
Added requirement that Export category flocks must report the use of milk/colostrum from a lower status flock.	<i>Part III.M.2 [p29]</i>
Added a waiver from the annual sampling requirement in genetically resistant following the standard sampling protocol.	<i>Part III.P.3.d [p34]</i>
Clarified the status date for Export Flocks that have not advanced to Export Certified status.	<i>Part III.P.4.c [p35]</i>
Clarified the waiver for advancing to 6 years of status in the Standard and Alternative 2 sampling protocols.	<i>Parts III.P.5.b.(4-5) [p35] & III.P.5.d.(4)(c) [p37-38]</i>
Clarified the waiver for advancing to Export Certified status in the Standard, Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 sampling protocols.	<i>Parts III.P.5.b.(5) [p35], III.P.5.c.(5) [p36-37] & III.P.5.d(4)(e) [p38]</i>
<p>How to treat “Lost to Inventory” animals in Export Monitored flocks following the Alternative 1 sampling protocol:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The flock owner may elect to switch to the standard sampling protocol, and the flock’s status date will be reset to the lesser of the flock’s current status date or 12 months of status for each test eligible animal sampled and must meet the additional sampling requirements of the standard sampling protocol to retain more than 5 years in status; or ○ The flock owner may elect to stay in the Alternative 1 category, and the flock’s status date will be reset to the date the VS office was notified (or the lost to inventory animal became known to the VS office) that the animal was lost to inventory. 	<i>Part III.P.5.c.(3) [p36]</i>
Added that animals tested within 12 months of another animal being “Lost to Inventory” can meet the lost to inventory sampling requirement in Export Certified flocks if the flock had already tested 30 animals (this does not apply to “Found Dead” animals).	<i>Part III.P.6.b.(3) [p39]</i>
Added a waiver from genotyping natural additions in genetically resistant flocks following the Standard and Alternative 1 sampling protocols.	<i>Part III.P.7.b [p39]</i>
Adds an alternative testing protocol in place of a status reduction when a found dead/euthanized animal is not tested for scrapie, limited to rare circumstances when VS determines that the flock owner was in a situation	<i>Part III.R.5.a [p41-42]</i>

<p>that made him/her fail to comply with this testing requirement (example: the flock owner called the local VS or State office and was instructed not to sample the animal).</p>	
<p>How to treat previously live-animal tested “Found Dead” and “Lost to Inventory” animals in Export Monitored flocks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lost to inventory – if the animal had been tested in the previous 12 months, no change in status and no additional animals need to be tested (and if the flock is following the Alternative 1 sampling protocol it does not have to switch to the Standard sampling protocol). ○ Found dead – APHIS will determine if the animal reasonably could have been sampled. If so, the animal will be treated as any other found dead. If not the animal is considered lost to inventory and will be treated the same as other lost to inventory animals. 	<p><i>Part III.R.16 [p45-46]</i></p>
<p>Added waivers for sampling requirement in genetically resistant flocks in the Select category.</p>	<p><i>Part IV.G.2.b [p50]</i></p>
<p>Removed language explaining the 2013 program revision (revised Part II.A and removed Part VII).</p>	
<p>Additionally, minor clarifications and edits were made throughout the document.</p>	