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| Request label | CFIA proof of viruses |
| Request description | All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically prove the existence of any alleged virus that is alleged to affect livestock and/or the food supply. Note: Scientific proof is NOT Opinions, Speculation, Review papers or Descriptive papers. Scientific proof requires Use of the scientific method, Repeatable and falsifiable hypotheses that have been tested using valid, controlled experiments where only 1 variable differs between the experimental and control groups, Consistent results from valid, controlled experiments (i.e. identical "genomes", consistent in vivo effects). In this case, the 1 manipulated variable would be the presence/absence of purified particles suspected of being a "virus". |
| Format of request | Electronic |



Acknowledgement letter - A-2022-00201

Silvestri, Celia (CFIA/ACIA) (she - her / elle) <Celia.Silvestri@inspection.gc.ca>

Mon, Mar 6, 2023 at 1:18

PM

To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Cc: "Momot, Claire (CFIA/ACIA)" <claire.momot@inspection.gc.ca>

Good afternoon,

This message is to confirm receipt of your request on March 6, 2023 made under the Access to Information, for the following records:

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Bonjour,

Le présent message vise à confirmer la réception de votre demande du 6 mars 2023 ayant été formulée en vertu de la Loi sur l'accès à l'information, pour les documents suivants

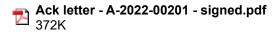
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Sincerely,

Everett Ethier

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ATIP Services 1400 Merivale Road T1-0-149 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0Y9

March 6, 2023

Our File Number: A-2022-00201 / CM

Ms. Christine Massey

Dear Ms. Massey,

This acknowledges receipt of your request pursuant to the Access to Information Act for:

All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically prove the existence of any alleged virus that is alleged to affect livestock and/or the food supply. Note: Scientific proof is NOT Opinions, Speculation, Review papers or Descriptive papers. Scientific proof requires Use of the scientific method, Repeatable and falsifiable hypotheses that have been tested using valid, controlled experiments where only 1 variable differs between the experimental and control groups, Consistent results from valid, controlled experiments (i.e. identical "genomes", consistent in vivo effects). In this case, the 1 manipulated variable would be the presence/absence of purified particles suspected of being a "virus".

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) received your request on March 6, 2023.

Please be advised that this letter also serves as your formal receipt for your \$5.00 application fee. Your request will be reviewed and a further reply will be forwarded to you soon. Your request number is A-2022-00201 / CM.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, do not hesitate to contact the analyst handling your request, Claire Momot, by telephone at (343) 551-6806 or by e-mail at claire.momot@inspection.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Silvestri, Celia Digitally signed by Silvestri, Celia Date: 2023.03.06 13:16:07 -05'00'

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CFIA File# A-2020-00201

Momot, Claire (CFIA/ACIA) <claire.momot@inspection.gc.ca> To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM

CFIA File# A-2020-00201

Good Afternoon, Ms. Massey,

I am writing to you, in relation to your above-referenced request, made pursuant to the <u>Access to Information Act</u>, for the following information:

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Our branches have come back to me with several questions about how to best interpret your request.

Would you be available to have a brief, initial discussion with me, one day this week, or early next week? I am available tomorrow in the late afternoon (around 3:00 p.m. or later would be best), or all day on Friday, or Monday. Please advise as to your own schedule / availability.

I can send you a meeting invitation, through MS Teams, if you are amenable to that, or we can discuss your request over the phone.

Please let me know if you have a preference, and if you prefer to speak on the phone, what number I should call to reach you.

Please note that I have placed your request on administrative hold, pending the outcome of the discussions regarding your request.

I look forward to your reply.

Best Regards,

Claire.

Claire Momot

Senior Analyst | Analyste principale Access to Information and Privacy | Accès à l'information et protection des renseignements personnels

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CFIA File# A-2020-00201

Christine, of the Massey family <cmssyc@gmail.com> To: "Momot, Claire (CFIA/ACIA)" <claire.momot@inspection.gc.ca> Wed, Mar 8, 2023 at 4:35 PM

Hi Claire,

Please let me know the questions via email; I do not discuss such matters over the phone.

Best wishes, Christine [Quoted text hidden]



Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 5:10 PM

RE: CFIA File# A-2020-00201 - clarification questions

Momot, Claire (CFIA/ACIA) <claire.momot@inspection.gc.ca> To: "Christine, of the Massey family" <cmssyc@gmail.com> Cc: "Blinn, Emily (CFIA/ACIA)" <emily.blinn@inspection.gc.ca>, "Chatelain, Denis (CFIA/ACIA)" <denis.chatelain@inspection.gc.ca>

CFIA File# A-2020-00201 - clarification questions:

Good Afternoon, Ms. Massey,

Thank you for your reply. As per your expressed wishes, we will do our best to undertake the clarification process, by email.

Having said that, you may find that a telephone (or MS Teams) discussion could still prove helpful, in terms of expediting the clarification process, and bringing a greater level of understanding, in regard to what you are seeking, to the subject matter experts, who are the individuals responsible for retrieving records that respond to your request. Therefore, if you change your mind at any point, and become amenable to a telephone or MS Teams call, feel free to advise us. Should you decide to speak with us, we would be happy to follow any such verbal exchange with a follow-up email, to summarize the discussion.

Your request will, necessarily, remain on hold, until we have come to an agreement on the final, clarified text, and are ready to move forward with processing.

As you know, your request was for the following information:

All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically prove the existence of any alleged virus that is alleged to affect livestock and/or the food supply. Note: Scientific proof is NOT Opinions, Speculation, Review papers or Descriptive papers. Scientific proof requires Use of the scientific method, Repeatable and falsifiable hypotheses that have been tested using valid, controlled experiments where only 1 variable differs between the experimental and control groups, Consistent results from valid, controlled experiments (i.e. identical "genomes", consistent in vivo effects). In this case, the 1 manipulated variable would be the presence/absence of purified particles suspected of being a "virus".

The branches have a number of questions, some of which overlap, slightly. I have done my best to summarize, and group these questions, but please be aware that there may be some redundancy, and that we may need to seek additional clarification from you, once these initial questions are answered.

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS:

1) What is the date range, or timeframe, for the information that you are seeking?

- 2) Are you interested in studies and reports, that seek to prove the actual existence of viruses?
- 3) Are there specific viruses that you are seeking information about? If so, can you please advise as to which viruses are of particular interest?
- 4) Are you seeking studies and reports that seek to prove the ability of a new viral agent to infect livestock. animals, crops, etc.?
- 5) Does the request only refer to studies and reports that have been conducted and/or published, by CFIA?
- 6) Could you confirm that your request excludes externally-authored scientific literature, that has been accumulated, or collected, by CFIA scientists over the course of their careers? (i.e. any reports or studies to which CFIA scientists have not contributed / those that are merely used as reference material, by CFIA scientists?)
- 7) What specifically is meant by "affect livestock and/or the food supply"? For example, would this include a recall, based on viral RNA detection, or is the request seeking information about animal health/animal disease concerns?
- 8) Could you confirm that your request excludes "reports of analysis" which are the results of routine testing, carried out, by the Agency? *Note: Reports of this nature may show the presence, or absence, of virus RNA, but they are not lengthy, in-depth, written, analytical scientific studies, that were conducted using control groups, etc. They would only show a positive or negative test result.

I look forward to hearing from you, at your earliest convenience. I have copied my Team Leader, Ms. Emily Blinn (currently away from the office), and my manager, Mr. Denis Chatelain, on this email.

Thank you,

Claire.

Claire Momot

Senior Analyst | Analyste principale

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RE: CFIA File# A-2020-00201 - clarification questions

Christine, of the Massey family <cmssyc@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 17, 2023 at 8:47 PM

To: "Momot, Claire (CFIA/ACIA)" <claire.momot@inspection.gc.ca>
Cc: "Blinn, Emily (CFIA/ACIA)" <emily.blinn@inspection.gc.ca>, "Chatelain, Denis (CFIA/ACIA)"
<denis.chatelain@inspection.gc.ca>

Hi Claire,

Thank you for responding in writing.

I have altered the wording to make it simpler and more clear, and have answered your questions below in blue allcaps, after each question. Here is the revised request:

For each "virus" that is alleged (by CFIA) to have ever infected livestock in Canada: all studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically prove the existence of that alleged virus.

Note: Scientific proof is NOT Opinions, Speculation, Review papers or Descriptive papers. Scientific proof requires Use of the scientific method, Repeatable and falsifiable hypotheses that have been tested using valid, controlled experiments where only 1 variable differs between the experimental and control groups, Consistent results from valid, controlled experiments (i.e. identical "genomes", consistent in vivo effects). In this case, the 1 manipulated variable would be the presence/absence of purified particles suspected of being a "virus".

Thank you and best wishes,

Christine

On Tue, Mar 14, 2023 at 5:10 PM Momot, Claire (CFIA/ACIA) <claire.momot@inspection.gc.ca> wrote:

CFIA File# A-2020-00201 - clarification questions:

Good Afternoon, Ms. Massey,

Thank you for your reply. As per your expressed wishes, we will do our best to undertake the clarification process, by email.

Having said that, you may find that a telephone (or MS Teams) discussion could still prove helpful, in terms of expediting the clarification process, and bringing a greater level of understanding, in regard to what you are seeking, to the subject matter experts, who are the individuals responsible for retrieving records that respond to your request. Therefore, if you change your mind at any point, and become amenable to a telephone or MS Teams call, feel free to advise us. Should you decide to speak with us, we would be happy to follow any such verbal exchange with a follow-up email, to summarize the discussion.

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As you know, your request was for the following information:

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The branches have a number of questions, some of which overlap, slightly. I have done my best to summarize, and group these questions, but please be aware that there may be some redundancy, and that we may need to seek additional clarification from you, once these initial questions are answered.

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the date range, or timeframe, for the information that you are seeking? SINCE THE ALLEGED DISCOVERY OF THE FIRST ALLEGED VIRUS THAT IS CLAIMED BY CFIA TO HAVE EVER INFECTED LIVESTOCK IN CANADA.
- 2) Are you interested in studies and reports, that seek to prove the actual existence of viruses? ONLY STUDIES THAT DO PROVE THE EXISTENCE VIA SCIENTIFIC METHOD.
- 3) Are there specific viruses that you are seeking information about? If so, can you please advise as to which viruses are of particular interest? WHICHEVER ALLEGED VIRUSES ARE CLAIMED BY CFIA TO HAVE EVER INFECTED LIVESTOCK IN CANADA.
- 4) Are you seeking studies and reports that seek to prove the ability of a new viral agent to infect livestock. animals, crops, etc.? NOT ONLY NEW ALLEGED VIRUSES. ANY ALLEGED VIRUSES THAT ARE CLAIMED BY CFIA TO HAVE EVER INFECTED LIVESTOCK IN CANADA. THE STUDY/STUDIES WOULD HAVE TO SHOW THE EXISTENCE OF THE SPECIFIC ALLEGED PARTICLE, AND THAT IT HAS CAUSED DISEASE IN ANY HOST, **EVER (VIA SCIENTIFIC METHOD).**
- 5) Does the request only refer to studies and reports that have been conducted and/or published, by CFIA? NO. ANY WRITTEN/CONDUCTED/PUBLISHED BY ANYONE ANYWHERE.
- 6) Could you confirm that your request excludes externally-authored scientific literature, that has been accumulated, or collected, by CFIA scientists over the course of their careers? (i.e. any reports or studies to which CFIA scientists have not contributed / those that are merely used as reference material, by CFIA scientists?) NO I DO NOT CONFIRM THIS. THE REQUEST DOES NOT EXCLUDE EXTERNALLY-AUTHORED LITERATURE.

- 7) What specifically is meant by "affect livestock and/or the food supply"? For example, would this include a recall, based on viral RNA detection, or is the request seeking information about animal health/animal disease concerns? RNA DETECTION IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO SCIENTIFICALLY PROVE THE EXISTENCE OF A VIRUS. PLEASE SEE THE REVISED REQUEST.
- 8) Could you confirm that your request excludes "reports of analysis" which are the results of routine testing, carried out, by the Agency? *Note: Reports of this nature may show the presence, or absence, of virus RNA, but they are not lengthy, in-depth, written, analytical scientific studies, that were conducted using control groups, etc. They would only show a positive or negative test result. YES I CONFIRM THAT THIS SORT OF REPORT IS EXCLUDED FROM MY REQUEST.

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RE: CFIA File# A-2020-00201 - clarification questions

David, Marie-Lynn (CFIA/ACIA) < Marie-Lynn. David@inspection.gc.ca> To: "cmssyc@gmail.com" <cmssyc@gmail.com> Cc: "Blinn, Emily (CFIA/ACIA)" <emily.blinn@inspection.gc.ca>

Wed, Apr 12, 2023 at 1:28 PM

Good afternoon,

Thank you for taking the time to answer some of our questions. Unfortunately, the CFIA does not undertake the type of work referenced in your request. The wording of your request does not appear to be for any specific material that the CFIA would have exclusive possession of and, based on the clarification provided, your request includes scientific literature that has been published and is in the public domain.

If you would like to further clarify or re-word your request, you are welcome to do so. I recommend you visit CFIA's website (Canadian Food Inspection Agency - Canadian Food Inspection Agency (canada.ca)) for information regarding our activities as this may assist you in formulating your request. We also remain available to have a conversation via phone or Microsoft Teams to discuss the request and would commit to providing a summary of any such conversation by email.

Please note, your file will be put on hold until we receive your response. If we do not hear from you by April 25th, we will provide an official response based on the current wording of the request.

Thank you,

Marie-Lynn David

Junior Analyst, Access to Information and Privacy Canadian Food Inspection Agency / Government of Canada Marie-Lynn.David@inspection.gc.ca

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----- Original message -----

From: "Christine, of the Massey family" <cmssyc@gmail.com>



RE: CFIA File# A-2020-00201 - clarification questions

Christine, of the Massey family <cmssyc@gmail.com> To: "David, Marie-Lynn (CFIA/ACIA)" < Marie-Lynn.David@inspection.gc.ca> Cc: "Blinn, Emily (CFIA/ACIA)" <emily.blinn@inspection.gc.ca>

Thu, Apr 13, 2023 at 4:33 PM

Hi Marie-Lynn,

Thanks for getting back to me.

As per Q and A #5, the request does not refer only to studies and reports that have been conducted and/or published by CFIA. Also, it's not specific to material that the CFIA would have exclusive possession of, rather it's for all studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of CFIA regardless of who else may have copies. My goal is to learn what studies, if any, are held by CFIA.

I will add an additional sentence to the request:

For each "virus" that is alleged (by CFIA) to have ever infected livestock in Canada: all studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically prove the existence of that alleged virus.

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If any records match the above description of requested records and are currently available in the public domain, please provide enough information about each record so that I may identify and access each one with certainty (i.e. title, author(s), date, journal, where the public may access it). Please provide URLs where possible.

Thanks for your time, Christine

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CFIA ATIP: Final Response Letter A-2022-00201

Thu, May 11, 2023 at 8:23 AM

Good monring,

Please find our response letter to your ATIP request A-2022-00201.

Thank you,

Marie-Lynn David

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2 attachments



Final Response Letter A-2022-00201 - signed.pdf



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ATIP Services 1400 Merivale Road T1-0-149 Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0Y9

May 10, 2023

Our File Number: A-2022-00201 / MD

Ms. Christine Massey

Dear Ms. Massey,

This is further to your request pursuant to the *Access to Information Act* for: All studies/reports in the possession, custody or control of the institution that scientifically prove the existence of any alleged virus that is alleged to affect livestock and/or the food supply. Note: Scientific proof is NOT Opinions, Speculation, Review papers or Descriptive papers. Scientific proof requires Use of the scientific method, Repeatable and falsifiable hypotheses that have been tested using valid, controlled experiments where only 1 variable differs between the experimental and control groups, Consistent results from valid, controlled experiments (i.e. identical "genomes", consistent in vivo effects). In this case, the 1 manipulated variable would be the presence/absence of purified particles suspected of being a "virus".

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Clarification #1:

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5) Does the request only refer to studies and reports that have been conducted and/or published, by CFIA? NO. ANY WRITTEN/CONDUCTED/PUBLISHED, which was received on March 6, 2023.

We have been assured by responsible officials of the Agency that no documents exist concerning the requested information. However, we have attached a list of CFIA publications which you may find helpful.

Please be advised that you are entitled to complain to the Information Commissioner concerning the processing of your request within sixty days of the receipt of this notice. In the event you decide to avail yourself of this right, your notice of complaint should be addressed to:

Caroline Maynard, Information Commissioner Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada 30 Victoria Street Gatineau, Québec K1A 1H3

OR by using the online complaint form at https://www.oic-ci.gc.ca/en/make-complaint-online.

This completes the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's response to your request. Should you have any questions, please communicate with Marie-Lynn David at 613-298-9362 or by e-mail at Marie-Lynn.David@inspection.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Blinn, Emily Digitally signed by Blinn, Emily Date: 2023.05.10 16:32:25 -04'00'

Emily Blinn
Team Leader
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