

CONTROL ORDER 2018-001:

Animal Health Act

Pursuant to section 21(1) of the Animal Health Act, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources and the Minister of Environment make the following order:

Definitions

1 In this Order

“Act” means the *Animal Health Act*, SY 2013 c.10;

“control area” means the control area established under section 3;

“domestic goats” means the species *Capra aegagrus hircus* or *Capra aegagrus ssp.*, including but not limited to any dairy, meat or exotic goat breeds or any animals resulting from crossbreeding with these goats;

“domestic sheep” means the species *Ovis aries* or *Ovis sp.*, including but not limited to any dairy, meat, fleece, or exotic sheep breeds or any individuals resulting from crossbreeding with these sheep;

“final agreement” has the same meaning as in the Act;

“hazard” means the hazard referred to in section 4;

“inspector” means an inspector appointed under the Act;

“mountain goats” means the species *Oreamnos americanus*;

“private land” means a parcel of land held in fee simple under the *Land Titles Act, 2015*, SY 2015, c.10;

“public land” means territorial lands as defined under the *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act*, SY 2003, c.17 and Yukon lands, as defined under the *Lands Act*, SY 2002, c.132;

“Settlement Land” has the same meaning as in a final agreement;

“thinhorn sheep” means the species *Ovis dalli*.

Application

2(1) This Control Order does not apply to dead animals, animal products or genetic material including sperm, ova and fertilized embryos.

Control Area

3(1) A control area is established in all of the Yukon, as defined in the *Yukon Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 7.

(2) For greater certainty, this Control Order applies to all lands located within the control area, including all private land, public land, and Settlement Land.

Specified Hazard

- 4 The hazard for which this control area is established is respiratory disease, including but not limited to pneumonia, bronchitis, rhinitis, and any other conditions affecting the respiratory system in thinhorn sheep or mountain goats.

Species Affected by Hazard

- 5 The hazard referred to in section 4 is known or suspected to affect
- (a) thinhorn sheep; and
 - (b) mountain goats.

Species Affected by Control Order

- 6 This Control Order affects the keeping and transport of:
- (a) domestic sheep; and
 - (b) domestic goats.

Restrictions to Protect Wild Populations of Thinhorn Sheep and Mountain Goats

- 7 A person who owns or has possession, control or custody of a domestic sheep or a domestic goat must not allow it on land that is over 1,000 metres in elevation.
- 8 A person may possess a domestic sheep or domestic goat on land that is below 1,000 metres in elevation where the following conditions have been met:
- (a) the domestic sheep or domestic goat is within an enclosure approved by an inspector within the previous calendar year;
 - (b) the enclosure referred to in paragraph (a) is identified with a sign provided by an inspector that is placed in a conspicuous place on the enclosure;
 - (c) the domestic sheep or domestic goat has, within the previous calendar year, been tested for pathogens capable of causing respiratory disease, with testing methods and results approved by the Chief Veterinary Officer; and
 - (d) in the case of a domestic sheep or domestic goat over four months of age, it has a permanent identifier that is
 - (i) in accordance with the Canadian Sheep Identification Program,

- (ii) in accordance with the Canadian National Goat Identification Program,
- (iii) a microchip provided by the Animal Health Unit, or
- (iv) approved in writing by the Chief Veterinary Officer.

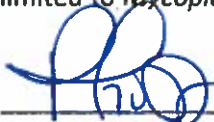
- 9 A person may transport a domestic sheep or a domestic goat within the control area only if the person takes reasonable steps to prevent its escape during transport.
- 10 A person must notify the Chief Veterinary Officer immediately upon the escape of a domestic sheep or a domestic goat under that person's custody or control.
- 11 A person who possesses a domestic sheep or a domestic goat must make it available for inspection or testing at the request of an inspector.
- 12 A person who possesses a domestic sheep or a domestic goat must maintain records of it, including documentation of its date of birth, sale, purchase, natural death, or slaughter.
- 13 For greater certainty, a person may not transport a domestic sheep or a domestic goat into the control area without a permit issued by the Minister under section 25 of the Act.

Term of Order

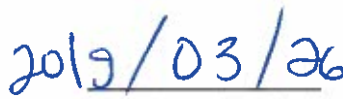
- 14 This Order comes into effect on January 1, 2020 and expires on December 31, 2024.

Reasons for Order

Wild thornhorn sheep and mountain goats are at risk of developing respiratory disease if they are exposed to certain pathogens that are often carried by domestic sheep and domestic goats. Respiratory disease can spread rapidly once introduced into wild sheep or goat populations, causing high mortality rates and can significantly reduce herd productivity. The pathogen of greatest concern is *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*; its transmission from domestic sheep and domestic goats to wild sheep populations in other Canadian jurisdictions has resulted in outbreaks of respiratory disease. The purpose of this Control Order is to protect thornhorn sheep and mountain goat populations by preventing, detecting, controlling, and suppressing the transmission of pathogens capable of causing respiratory disease, including but not limited to *Mycoplasma ovipneumoniae*.



Pauline Frost, Minister of Environment



Date (yyyy/mm/dd)



Ranj Pillai, Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources



Date (yyyy/mm/dd)

Be advised that failure to comply with this Control Order is an offence under the *Animal Health Act*.