

Working Group	Agriculture & Food #1	
Action Plan Initiative	Foreign Animal Diseases	
Deliverable outcome	Work towards the establishment of a common regionalization framework to apply both in Canada and the US to ensure that both countries are collectively protected from disease but bilateral trade can continue from areas that are shown to remain disease free following an outbreak. As a first step, work towards a means to expedite recognition of the other's zoning decisions, thereby minimizing the disruption of trade from disease-free zones.	
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Action items	Action Item 1: Protocol for mutual recognition of zoning decisions	Action Item 2: Framework and high level processes for implementing and maintaining the zoning protocol
	Interim Deliverables	
3-6 Months	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CFIA and APHIS finalize evaluations of veterinary infrastructure and zoning procedures. 2. CFIA and APHIS draft bilateral protocol for mutual recognition of zoning decisions. 3. Formal submission of evaluations and draft protocol to Canada and U.S. veterinary services management. 4. Decision by veterinary services management on acceptability of zoning assessments and protocol. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. APHIS and CFIA prepare Terms of Reference and define scope. 2. Begin to identify desired elements for a guidance framework for implementing the zoning protocol developed in Action item 1, including high-level processes to ensure bilateral communication of changes to zoning or FAD response procedures and assess the impact of such changes on the zoning protocol.

Work in Progress - draft for discussion

<p>6-12 months</p>	<p>1. Discussion between U.S. and Canadian Chief Veterinary Officers and agreement on zoning protocol.</p> <p>2. Formal protocol for mutual recognition of zoning decisions for foreign animal diseases established.</p>	<p>1. Identify opportunities for cross-border initiatives to facilitate understanding of zoning procedures and FAD response in both countries, increase efficiencies in managing cross-border FAD outbreaks, and test key elements of the guidance framework.</p> <p>2. APHIS and CFIA draft the guidance framework for implementing the zoning protocol.</p> <p>3. Formal submission of draft guidance framework to veterinary services management, decision by veterinary services management on acceptability of guidance framework, and bilateral discussions among veterinary services management (as needed).</p> <p>4. Bilateral adoption of guidance framework</p> <p>5. Plan and develop cross-border initiative and pilot projects to test key elements of the framework.</p>
<p>12-18 months</p>		<p>1. Pilot projects launched</p>
<p>Beyond 18 Months</p>		<p>1. Framework implemented and maintained via established processes</p>