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CFIA prepares Canada for an Evaluation of the Performance of its Veterinary Services (PVS) by the OIE

In 2017 Canada will undergo its most comprehensive evaluation of veterinary services to date. The CFIA will be coordinating an assessment of the quality of veterinary infrastructure across the country and how it contributes to maintaining and strengthening international trade, ensuring the health of our nation's animals, and protecting the public from the risk of zoonotic disease.

The evaluation will be conducted by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) and will involve the CFIA, federal and provincial governments, and representatives from the veterinary sectors and animal industry.

The evaluation is not a regulatory exercise, but will help create a shared vision of how we can improve Canada's veterinary services. We are asking for your help in ensuring that it goes as smoothly as possible.

The OIE Evaluation Team will be looking for specific information on how our animal related services and industries work. You may be contacted to help provide this information or to arrange a site visit in your region. The evaluation team will be performing on-site visits across Canada from March 13 to 31, 2017, at a wide range of locations: slaughterhouses, laboratories, animal health related offices, farms, veterinary clinics, etc.

Further information on the OIE's Performance of Veterinary Services Evaluation (PVS) tool and what criteria will be assessed can be found here:

<http://www.oie.int/support-to-oie-members/pvs-evaluations/oie-pvs-tool/>

If you have any questions or would like more information about the upcoming assessment and how it may affect you or your team, please contact:

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