



December 15, 2025

Karen Paszternak
President
Peterborough County Beef Farmers' Association

Dear Karen,

Re: REGULATION 950 TICKETING 25-14

The following resolution was passed at the Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) Annual General Meeting (AGM) in February and was recently discussed by the BFO Board of Directors:

WHEREAS, the Ontario government is trying to implement regulation 950 that is duplicating CFIA rule and can fine producers under that umbrella and whereas the parameter of the ability to fine producers is vague and poorly written,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT BFO lobby the government so that it does not have the authority to fine producers.

Attached is a copy of BFO's submission to the *Proposed Amendments to Regulation 950 to expand the ability to issue tickets* consultation from December 2024. BFO has been engaged with staff from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness (OMAFRA) following our submission and the membership approving this resolution at the AGM.

In reviewing what the ministry proposed and what CFIA enforces, we were reassured there would be no duplication when it comes to what OMAFRA would enforce and with what CFIA currently enforces. In our submission, we did note the following:

- education and awareness should remain as the primary compliance tools when working with industry
- existing enforcement mechanisms are sufficient, and adding ticketing could create inefficiencies without clear benefits
- resources should be used to support industry and educate producers instead of being diverted toward ticket management
- recommend the ministry pause their compliance modernization - proposed amendments to Regulation 950 to expand the ability to issue tickets and conduct more consultation with industry

At this time, the ministry has indicated they continue to await a decision from the government as to whether or not any of the proposed amendments to Regulation 950 might move forward. We

will continue to reach out to the ministry in the new year and let you know once a decision has been made to proceed or not proceed with any of the proposed amendments.

Thank you for bringing this resolution forward and please feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig McLaughlin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Craig McLaughlin
President

cc: John Lunn (Advisory Councillor, Mover)
Gavin Faught (Seconder)
Patricia Leahy (Secretary)



December 19, 2024

Andrea Martin
Director, Food Safety and Environmental Policy Branch
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Dear Andrea,

Re: Proposed Amendments to Regulation 950 to expand the ability to issue tickets

Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) appreciates the opportunity to comment on proposal to amend Regulation 950 – Proceedings Commenced by Certificate of Offence (Reg. 950) under the *Provincial Offences Act* (POA). BFO represents the 19,000 beef farmers in Ontario by advocating in the areas of sustainability, animal health and care, environment, food safety, and domestic and export market development.

We appreciate the ministry's desire to improve the current risk-based regulatory enforcement approach by having an additional tool to ensure compliance. That being said, based on feedback from our members, we have some concerns and believe more consultation with industry and stakeholders take place prior to considering implementation of the proposed amendments.

There are too many unknowns regarding the range of fines for the offences noted on the proposed list of provisions under current legislation for which a ticket could be issued. Education and awareness should remain as the primary compliance tools when working with industry and more specifics regarding how the ability to issue tickets will fit into the progressive compliance approach. A punitive approach risks eroding trust and cooperation between OMAFA and industry, undermining progress on shared goals.

Existing enforcement mechanisms are sufficient, and adding ticketing could create inefficiencies without clear benefits. Resources should be used to support industry and educate producers instead of being diverted toward ticket management.

We recommend that the ministry pause their compliance modernization - proposed amendments to Regulation 950 to expand the ability to issue tickets and conduct more consultation with industry. This could be achieved with each individual association or collectively during a round table with industry and stakeholders.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments and we welcome the opportunity to discuss in more detail.

Sincerely,

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Craig McLaughlin
BFO President

Cc: BFO Board of Directors
Dr. Robert Blenkinsop, Manager Protection & Assurance Policy