



**NATIONAL FARM ANIMAL CARE COUNCIL
CONSEIL NATIONAL POUR LES SOINS AUX ANIMAUX D'ÉLEVAGE**



Updating Canada's Transportation Code of Practice

Canadian Bison Association Annual Convention

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Who we are

- ▶ Collaborative partnership of diverse stakeholders created to share information and work together on farm animal care and welfare (40+ partner organizations)
- ▶ National lead for farm animal care in Canada

What we do

- ▶ **Process for Codes of Practice for the care and handling of farm animals**
- ▶ Animal Care Assessment Framework (ACAF)
- ▶ Facilitate information sharing and communication

How we do it

- ▶ Consensus-based model of decision making
- ▶ Cultivating relationships, building trust, open communication and collaboration

Our Goal: real progress on farm animal welfare while maintaining the viability of Canadian animal agriculture



NFACC Partners

Processors

Canadian Meat Council
Canadian Poultry & Egg
Processors Council
Dairy Processors Association
of Canada

Animal Health Associations

Canadian Veterinary Medical
Association

Consumer Groups

Retail Council of Canada
Restaurants Canada

Farmed Animal Industries

Canada Fox Breeders
Association
Canada Mink Breeders
Association

Canadian Bison Association

Canadian Cattlemen's
Association
Canadian Federation of
Agriculture
Canadian Hatching Egg
Producers
Canadian Pork Council
Canadian Sheep Federation
Canadian Veal Association
Chicken Farmers of Canada
Dairy Farmers of Canada
Egg Farmers of Canada
Equine Canada
Turkey Farmers of Canada

Provincial Groups

Ontario Trucking Association
Alberta Farm Animal Care
Association

Governments

Agriculture and Agri-Food
Portfolio (AAFC, CFIA)
Provincial Agriculture
Departments (FPAW)

Animal Welfare Associations

Humane Canada
Coalition of Provincial SPCA
(BC, SK, ON)
World Animal Protection

Other

Canada's research community



NFACC Partners

Associate Members

- ▶ Loblaw
- ▶ Sobeys
- ▶ Tim Hortons
- ▶ Manitoba Pork Council
- ▶ Saputo
- ▶ Burnbrae Farms
- ▶ McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Ltd
- ▶ A & W Food Services of Canada Inc
- ▶ Elanco Animal Health, Canada
- ▶ Boehringer Ingelheim, Canada
- ▶ Maple Leaf
- ▶ Cargill Canada
- ▶ Aramark Canada
- ▶ Farm Credit Canada
- ▶ White Spot Restaurants
- ▶ NSF International
- ▶ Farm and Food Care Ontario
- ▶ Cara
- ▶ Agropur
- ▶ Gay Lea Foods
- ▶ Dairy Farmers of Ontario
- ▶ Semex



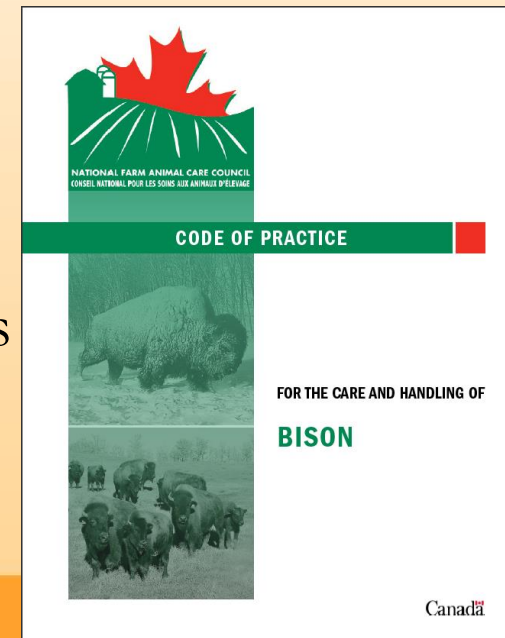
Canada's Codes of Practice

The Codes of Practice - guidelines for the care and handling of farm animals

- ▶ Our national understanding of farm animal care requirements and recommended practices
- ▶ Scientifically informed, practical, and reflect societal expectations for responsible farm animal care

The Codes of Practice serve as

- ▶ Extension tools
- ▶ Foundation for animal care assessment programs
- ▶ Reference materials for regulations



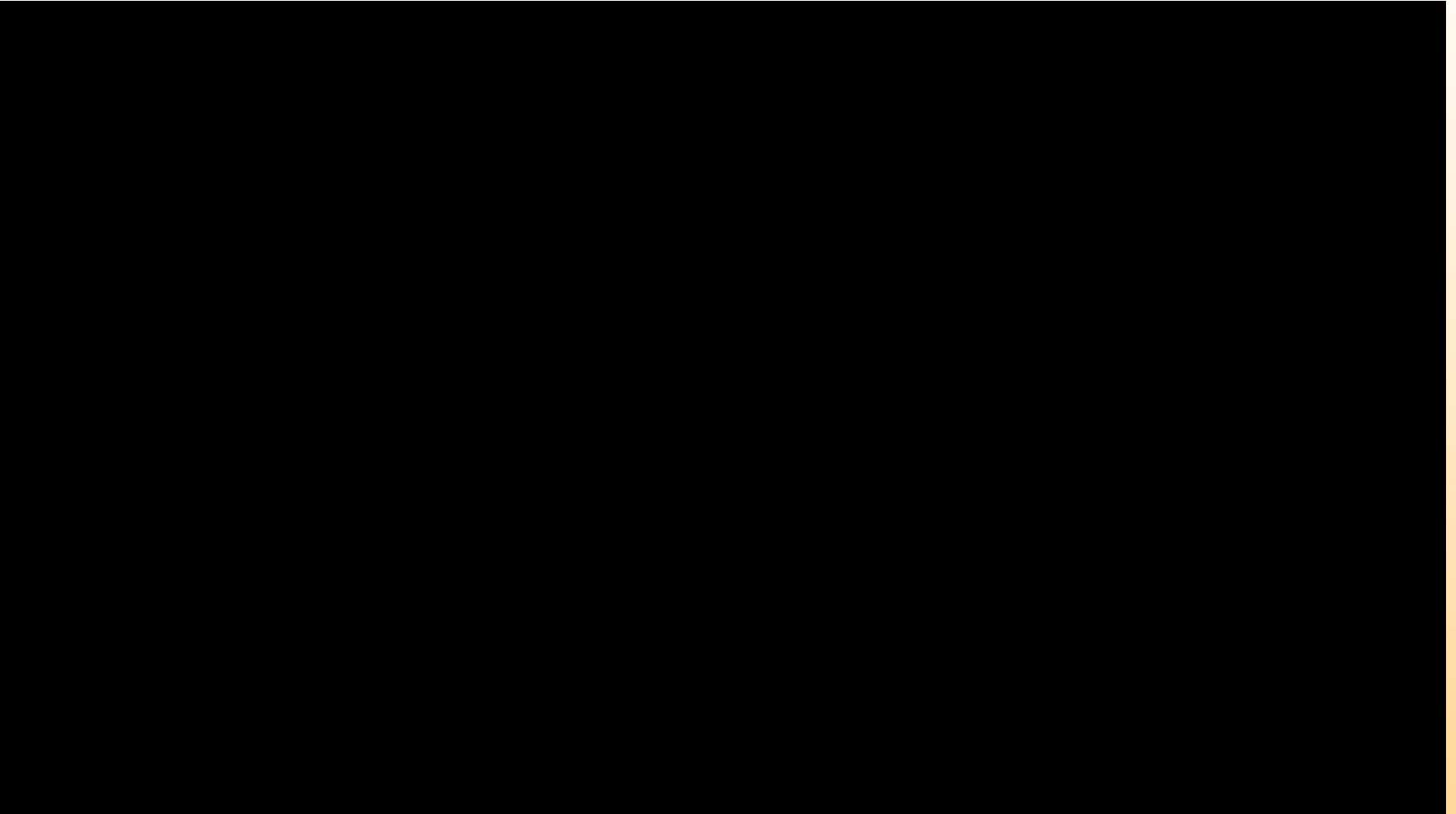
Current Codes of Practice

- ▶ Beef Cattle (2013)
- ▶ **Bison (2017)**
- ▶ Chickens, Turkeys and Breeders (2016)
- ▶ Dairy Cattle (2009)
- ▶ Equine (2013)
- ▶ Farmed Deer (1996)
- ▶ Farmed Fox (2013)
- ▶ Farmed Mink (2013)
- ▶ Goats (2003)
- ▶ Pigs (2014)
- ▶ Poultry – Layers (2017)
- ▶ Rabbits (2018)
- ▶ Sheep (2013)
- ▶ **Transportation (2001)**
- ▶ Veal Cattle (2017)

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The Normal Code Development Process



Challenges in Updating the Transportation Code

Taking the normal process and super-sizing it

- ▶ No single 'initiating' organization, but several eager to move this forward
- ▶ Code focused on one species vs Code focused on many species – super sizing collaboration and recruitment
- ▶ Code scope – on road transportation; transportation continuum
- ▶ Timelines – 2+ years to 4 ½ years
- ▶ Final document – avoiding re-inventing the encyclopedia

In addition need to consider...

- ▶ Proposed amendments to Health of Animals Regulations Part XII



Preparing for the Challenges

Phase One

- ▶ Environmental Scan
- ▶ Scientific Committee report
- ▶ Stakeholder consultation

Final documents available at:

www.nfacc.ca/transportation-code-of-practice-update



Preparing for the Challenges

Environmental Scan

- ▶ An overview of regulatory requirements, operational background and considerations relative to scope
- ▶ Common background and context for the Code Development Committee(s).

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: TRANSPORTATION

Environmental Scan of Regulatory and Operational Considerations

June 2017

Prepared for the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC)

Prepared by: Betsy Sharples
Vantage Management & Consulting Services



<http://www.nfacc.ca/pdfs/reports/Transport%20Report%20NFACC%20Final.pdf>

Preparing for the Challenges

Scientific Committee report

- ▶ What is the effect of: transport duration, time off feed and water, rest intervals (where appropriate by species), environmental conditions, and loading density, as single factors or in combination, on animal welfare? Include measures to mitigate the impact of environmental conditions. Species covered:
 - ▶ Cattle
 - ▶ Pigs
 - ▶ Poultry
 - ▶ Sheep
 - ▶ Equine
- www.nfacc.ca/resources/codes-of-practice/transport/transportation_sc_report_mar2018.pdf



Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation

- ▶ Decisions on Code Scope
- ▶ Decisions on Code Structure

CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE CARE AND HANDLING OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: TRANSPORTATION

Report on Findings: Scope and Structure of Code of Practice for the
Transportation of Livestock and Poultry

January 2018

Prepared for the National Farm Animal Care Council (NFACC)
Prepared by: Betsy Sharples
Vantage Management & Consulting Services



Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Scope

- ▶ Road transport only
- ▶ Focus is species for which a national Code of Practice exists
- ▶ All vehicles used to transport farm animals
- ▶ Includes intermediary/transitional points (e.g., auctions) and specialized transport (hatcheries)



Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Structure

- ▶ Modular approach with one Code



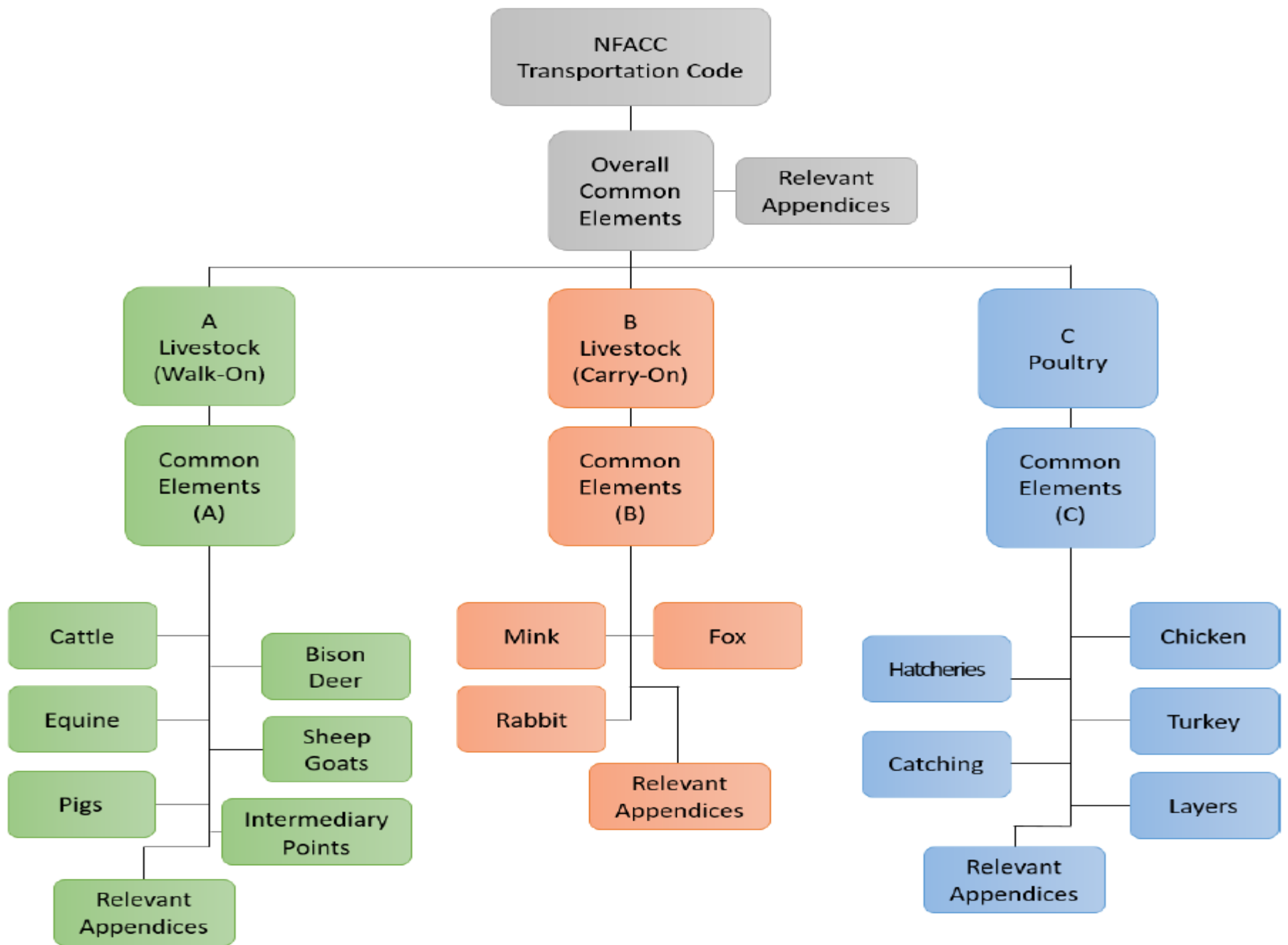


Figure 1: Structure of Transportation Code

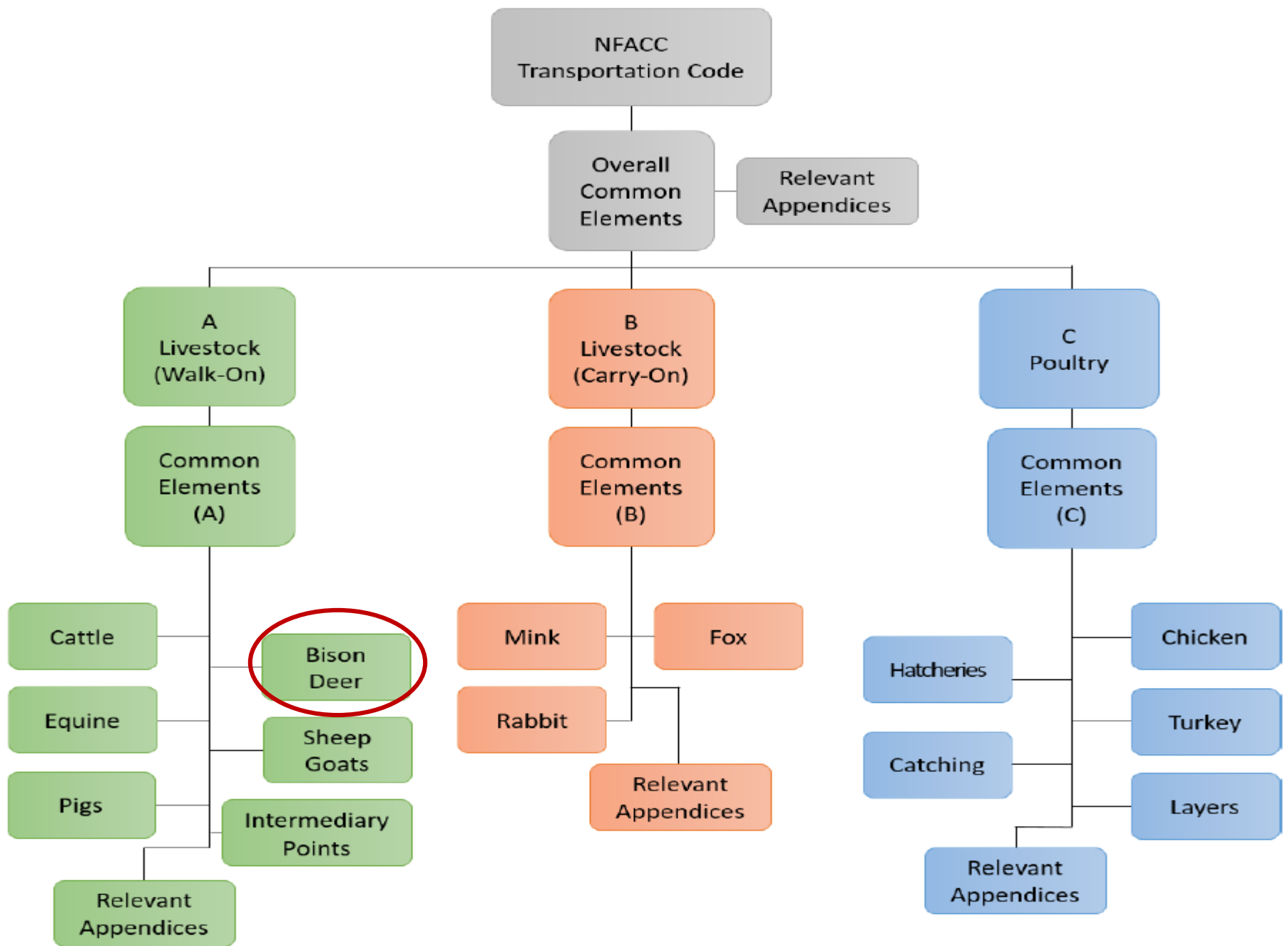


Figure 1: Structure of Transportation Code

Preparing for the Challenges

Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Structure

- ▶ Approach and process



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Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Structure

► Approach and process

Species-Specific Working Groups		Common Elements Working Groups	Other Working Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cattle• Equine• Pigs• Sheep/Goats• Bison/Deer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mink/Fox/Rabbit• Chicken• Turkey• Layers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall (all species)• Livestock Walk-On• Livestock Carry-On• Poultry	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intermediary/Markets• Hatchery Transport (Chicks & Poults)• Catching (Poultry)

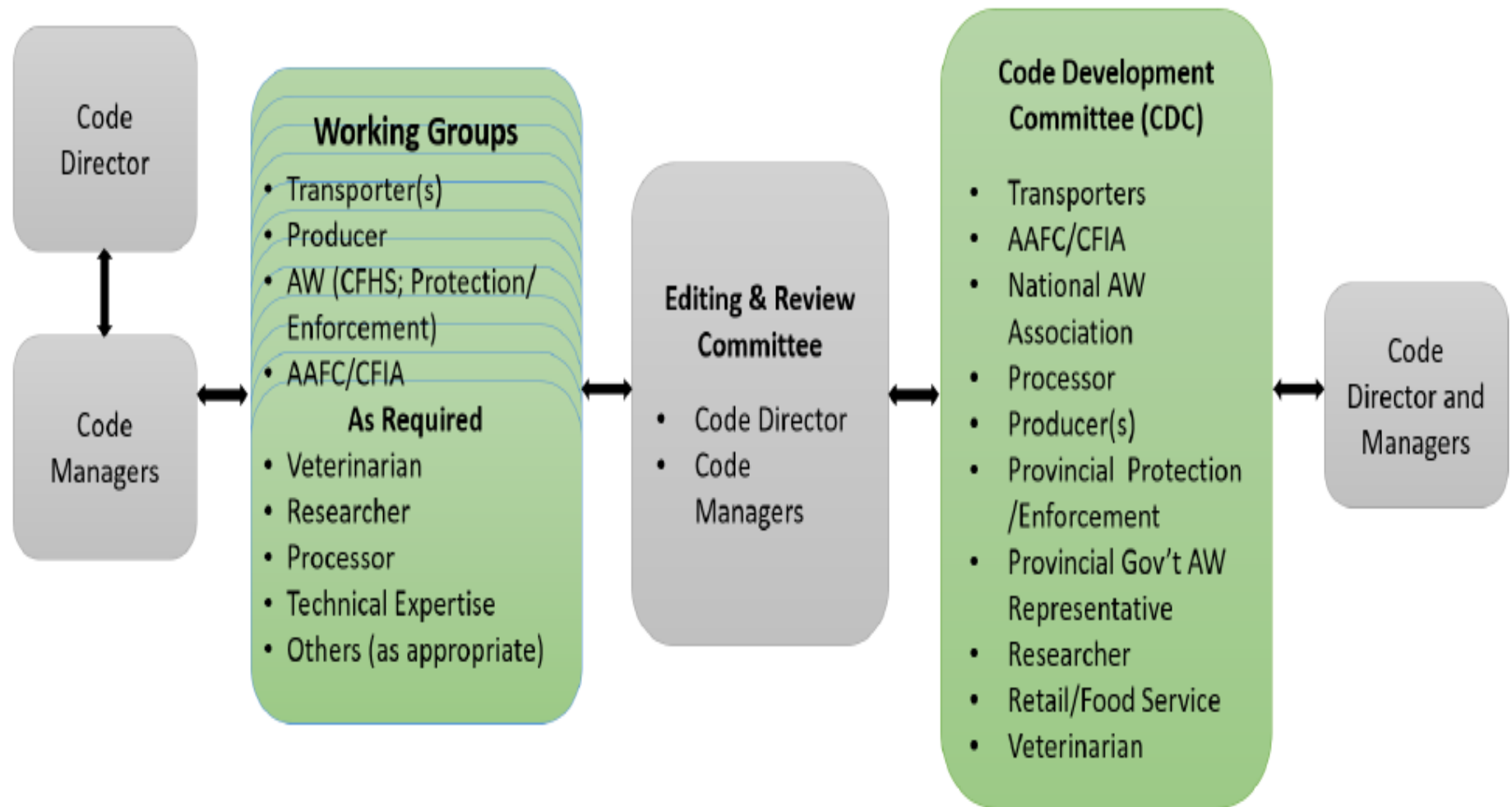


Figure 2: Transportation Code Development Process

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Stakeholder consultation – decisions on Code Structure

- ▶ Using and accessing the Code
 - ▶ Distribution
 - ▶ Format



Moving Forward

Project Timelines

- ▶ Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) approval – September 2018
- ▶ October 2018 – March 2023 (4 ½ years)
- ▶ Bringing the Code contractor team together through Oct/Nov 2018
- ▶ Stakeholder survey to launch before yearend
- ▶ Working groups (mostly) organized by January 2019 (1st meetings by March)



Questions?

More information:

► www.nfacc.ca

