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**STOCK DISEASES REGULATION 2009**

Order Pursuant to Clauses 18, 19 and 46

Approval and Use of Approved Identifiers for Sheep and Goats

I, GEORGE DAVEY, Deputy Director-General, Primary Industries, of the Department of Industry and Investment, with the delegated authority of the Director-General of the Department of Industry and Investment pursuant to section 22C of the Stock Diseases Act 1923 (“the Act”), and pursuant to section 3(2) of the Act and clauses 18, 19 and 46 of the Stock Diseases Regulation 2009 (“the Regulation”) do by this order:

1. revoke the order made under clauses 20 and 21 of the Stock Diseases Regulation 2004 in relation to the Approval and Use of Permanent Identifiers for Sheep and Goats dated 18 December 2008 and published in New South Wales Government Gazette No. 160 on 24 December 2008 at pages 13124 -13125, and any order revived as a result of this revocation;

2. approve, pursuant to clause 18(1) of the Regulation, the types and specifications of permanent identifiers specified in Schedule 1 below to be the types and specifications of permanent identifiers for sheep and goats;
3. approve, pursuant to clauses 18(2) and 19, the manner of attachment and use of permanent identifiers specified in Schedule 2 below as the manner of attachment and use of permanent identifiers for sheep and goats;
4. approve, pursuant to clause 18(1) of the Regulation, the types and specifications of special identifiers specified in Schedule 3 below to be the types and specifications of special identifiers for sheep and goats; and
5. approve, pursuant to clause 19 of the Regulation, and determine pursuant to clause 46 of the Regulation the manner of attachment of, and the identification particulars to be used on, special identifiers for sheep and goats as specified in Schedule 4 below.

### Definitions

In this order:

“approved identifier” means a permanent identifier or a special identifier.

“breeder tag” means a permanent identifier which carries the property identification code of the property of birth.

“district veterinarian or a ranger” means a person employed in either capacity in accordance with section 42 of the Rural Lands Protection Act 1998 and who is currently working for a Livestock Health and Pest Authority.

“permanent identifier” has the same meaning as in clause 13 of the Regulation.

“post-breeder tag” means an approved identifier which carries a property identification code of a property other than the property of birth.

“special identifier” has the same meaning as in clause 13 of the Regulation.

“Standard” means the permanent identification device standard for sheep and goats as published from time to time by Meat and Livestock Australia.

NOTE: Meat and Livestock Australia can be contacted at Locked Bag 991, North Sydney NSW 2059, telephone 1800 023 100 or via [www.mla.com.au](http://www.mla.com.au).

### SCHEDULE 1

#### Type and Specifications of Permanent Identifiers for Sheep and Goats

1. Identifiers manufactured after 1 January 2009 and that are approved in accordance with the Standard for use as breeder tags or post-breeder tags for sheep and goats; and
2. Identifiers that were manufactured before 1 January 2009 and that met, at the time of manufacture, the requirements of the order specified in paragraph 1 of this order, are approved as permanent identifiers for sheep and goats.

NOTE: Identifiers that are approved, pursuant to clause 18 of the Regulation, as permanent identifiers for cattle are not approved as permanent identifiers for sheep and goats.

Additional information may be printed on a permanent identifier for sheep and goats, provided that the additional information does not obscure the property identification code or could reasonably be mistaken for a property identification code.

### SCHEDULE 2

#### Manner of Attachment and Use of Approved Permanent Identifiers for Sheep and Goats

1. A breeder tag approved pursuant to Schedule 1 of this order may only be attached to a sheep or goat
  - (i) that does not already have an approved identifier, and
  - (ii) that has been born on the property to which the property identification code on the permanent identifier has been assigned, and
  - (iii) that is located on that property at the time the permanent identifier is attached to the sheep or goat.
2. (a) A post-breeder tag approved pursuant to Schedule 1 of this order may only be attached to a sheep or goat that is located on the property to which the property identification code on the permanent identifier has been assigned at the time the identifier is attached to the sheep or goat.
  - (b) A post-breeder tag may be attached to a sheep or goat that already has a breeder tag or one or more post-breeder tags.
3. The permanent identifier must be securely attached to an ear of the sheep or goat in a way that allows the property identification code to be easily read once the identifier is attached.
4. (a) A person may use a permanent identifier in a manner other than that specified in paragraphs 1 or 2 of this Schedule and identify a sheep or goat with a permanent identifier that contains a property identification code assigned to a property other than the property on which the sheep or goat is now located ONLY in accordance with the authorisation of a district veterinarian or a ranger or in accordance with a permit issued by an inspector under section 7(6) of the Act.
  - (b) The authorisation or permit must specify:
    - (i) the type of permanent identifier to be used and the property identification code on that identifier, and
    - (ii) if the sheep or goat is already identified with an approved identifier or identifiers, whether that identifier or those identifiers must first be removed, and
    - (iii) the period of time within which the sheep or goat must be identified.

### SCHEDULE 3

#### Special Identifiers

Identifiers that are approved in accordance with the Standard for use as post-breeder tags for sheep and goats and on which is printed the property identification code assigned to a saleyard or abattoir, or the district code assigned for a district, are approved as special identifiers for sheep or goats for the purposes of Part 3 of the Regulation.

## SCHEDULE 4

## Manner of Attachment and Identification Particulars of Special Identifiers for Sheep and Goats

1. A special identifier approved pursuant to Schedule 3 of this order may only be attached to a sheep or goat:
  - (i) that is located at the saleyard or abattoir to which the property identification code on the special identifier has been assigned at the time the special identifier is attached to the sheep or goat, or
  - (ii) that is located in the district to which the district code on the special identifier has been assigned at the time the special identifier is attached to the sheep or goat, and
  - (iii) by securely attaching the special identifier to an ear of the sheep or goat in a way that allows the property identification code to be easily read once the identifier is attached.

NOTE: Identifiers that are approved, pursuant to clauses 18 and 46 of the Regulation, as special identifiers for cattle are not approved as special identifiers for sheep or goats.

2. (a) A person may use a special identifier in a manner other than that specified in paragraph 1 of this Schedule and identify a sheep or goat with a special identifier that contains an identification code other than that referred to in paragraphs 1(i) or (ii) of this Schedule ONLY in accordance with the authorisation of a district veterinarian or a ranger or in accordance with a permit issued by an inspector under section 7(6) of the Act.
- (b) Any such authorisation or permit must specify
  - (i) the type of identifier to be used and the property identification code or district code on that identifier, and
  - (ii) if the sheep or goat is already identified with an approved identifier, whether that approved identifier must first be removed, and
  - (iii) the period of time within which the sheep or goat must be identified.

Dated this 9th day of September 2009.

GEORGE DAVEY,  
Deputy Director-General, Primary Industries  
Department of Industry and Investment

2. request each district registrar to provide all of the information specified in clauses 42(1)(a)(i) – (iii) inclusive and clauses 42(1)(b)-(d) inclusive of the Regulation in accordance with the requirements of clause 42 of the Regulation; and
3. request that on and from 1 September 2011 each district registrar also provide the information specified in clause 42(1)(a)(iv) of the Regulation in accordance with the requirements of clause 42 of the Regulation; and
4. request that all information be provided in an electronic form that permits it to be readily uploaded to the central register.

Dated this 9th day of September 2009.

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Deputy Director-General, Primary Industries  
Department of Industry and Investment

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## Clause 42

## Provision of Information Recorded in the District Register

I, GEORGE DAVEY, Deputy Director-General, Primary Industries, of the Department of Industry and Investment, with the delegated authority of the Director-General of the Department of Industry and Investment pursuant to section 22C of the Stock Diseases Act 1923 ("the Act"), and pursuant to section 3(2) of the Act and clause 42 of the Stock Diseases Regulation 2009 ("the Regulation") hereby:

1. revoke the determination made pursuant to clause 32(2) of the Stock Diseases Regulation 2004 on 1 July 2004 title "Provision of Information Recorded in District Register", and any determination revived as a result of this revocation; and