

# NT requirements for making branding irons

## Livestock Act

### **Livestock Regulations – Division 2 Brands**

#### **15 Construction and size of 3-letter brand**

- (1) All 3 letters of a 3-letter brand must be constructed on 1 handle.
- (2) Each letter must be between 4cm and 8cm in both height and width.

Therefore it is recommended:

- That the imprint surface of the irons is to be no less than 3mm wide and no more than 4mm wide.
- That a 6mm by 45mm steel plate be used in the construction of the brand and that it is worked down to 3mm on the working edge.
- That the letters be 'clean joined' print and not 'fancy' or 'broken' print

For example, the letters should be:

TYS and NOT like these as shown in red **TYS** **TYS** *TYS*

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#### **16 Size of symbol brand**

A symbol brand must be between 4cm and 12cm in both height and width.

Therefore it is recommended:

- The imprint surface of the branding iron should be no less than 3mm thick and no more than 4mm thick.
- That any adjacent lines of a distinctive brand be at least 20mm apart to avoid blotching.
- Symbol brand must be constructed on 1 handle; and
- The branding iron is consistent with the design / description of the brand on the certificate of registration.

Example of recommended alphabet - - Note: size of letters are not to scale.

ATB CTD ETF GTH ITJ KTL  
MTN OTP QTR STU VTW XTY

### **Livestock Regulations – Division 2 Brands state:**

#### **12 Requirement to give impression of brand**

- (1) The registered owner of a brand must, within 60 days after receiving the certificate of registration for the brand, give the Registrar an impression of the brand;
  - (a) made on linen, canvas, cardboard, leather or other material acceptable to the Registrar;
  - (b) consistent with the design or description of the brand in the certificate of registration.

#### **17 Brand to be consistent with registered design**

The registered owner of a brand commits an offence if the instrument used to apply the brand to livestock does not produce a brand consistent with the design or description in the certificate of registration for the brand.

**Registrar, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801 OR Drop in to your Regional Livestock Biosecurity Office**

Proof of ownership of Brand and/or Distinctive (symbol) Brand **MUST** be presented to your rural merchandise outlet to order your Branding Iron. (Show your **Certificate of Registration**)

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