

# Order form for permanent approved NLIS eID tags for sheep and goats

The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) for sheep and goats is Australia's system for identifying and tracing sheep and goats. The system enhances Australia's ability to quickly and successfully contain a major food safety or disease incident within Australia to provide consumer confidence and to help maintain access to key export markets. The use of NLIS accredited visual transaction tags for sheep and goat movements has been a requirement in the Northern Territory (NT) since 1 January 2009. The NT is now moving from visual transaction tag to an electronic identification (eID) device for sheep and goats, which will become mandatory in the NT from 1 January 2025. eID tagging offers a more reliable system for the identification and tracing of individual sheep and goats.

## Property Identification Code (PIC)

All properties running/keeping sheep or goats are required to be registered with a PIC.

## Waybills

Waybill use is mandatory for sheep and goats travelling in the NT.

## Tags

- NLIS sheep and goat eID tags are Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID), allowing them to be scanned to read the RFID number unique to the animal that the device is applied too. They are also visually readable and have the NLIS ID printed on the front of the tag.
- They can be sourced from rural merchandise outlets.
- NLIS eID breeder tags are only to be applied on the property of birth before the sheep/goats are moved to another property. NLIS eID breeder tags are colour coded by the animal's year of birth and use an eight year rotation system. The use of the colour code for the year of birth is not compulsory in the NT. This means that any tags left over from one year can be used the following year.
- NLIS eID post breeder tags are applied when the sheep/goats are no longer on their property of birth or when introduced animals have lost their tag. NLIS eID post breeder tags are pink in colour for any year.
- NLIS eID tags must not be removed from an animal's ear.

## Movement requirements

### Property to property

- Both the origin property sending sheep/goats, as well as the destination property, receiving/purchasing the sheep/goats must be registered with a PIC.
- If the sheep/goats were bred on the property, the owner of the origin property must apply NLIS eID breeder tags registered to the origin property to the sheep/goats before they leave the property.
- If the sheep/goats were not bred on the property, and have lost their NLIS eID tag from their property of origin, a pink post breeder tag must be applied to the sheep/goats before they leave the property.
- NLIS eID devices provide life time traceability of the sheep/goats as it is moved from property to property. Therefore unlike the NLIS visual transaction tag system, additional tags do not need to be applied at each property that the sheep/goats are moved too. Instead, the owner of the property receiving the sheep/goats must complete an upload on the NLIS database, transferring the sheep/goats from the PIC the sheep/goats have come from, onto their property's PIC using the NLIS ID or RFID of the sheep/goats NLIS eID tag.
- Complete a NT waybill for each movement.

Live export, shows, transit/spelling yards

- The export depot, showground or transit/spelling yard must be registered with a PIC.
- All sheep/goats consigned to an export depot, showground or transit/spelling yard must be identified with an NLIS eID tag before leaving their property of origin and accompanied with a completed NT Waybill for the movement.
- The export depot, showground or transit/spelling yard should hold a number of NLIS post breeder eID tags registered to their PIC in case untagged sheep/goats are detected, and apply the tag before the sheep/goats leave the property.
- Animals leaving a registered export facility for live export (Darwin Wharf), must be identified with a NLIS eID tag and be accompanied by a completed NT waybill.
- Animals leaving a showground or transit/spelling yard must be identified with a NLIS eID tag and be accompanied by a completed NT waybill.

## Before you fill in the form

Under the Northern Territory Livestock Regulations, holdings on which sheep or goats are kept is required to be registered with a Property Identification Code (PIC). A certificate of registration of the PIC is provided to the owner.

Fields marked with a caret (^) are for office use only.							
<b>Applicant details</b>							
I (print name)							
of (postal address)							
<p>I am the owner / manager / authorised representative of the owner, of the Property listed below. I declare that the Property Identification Code is that identified on the Certificate of Registration of the holding.</p> <p>I am aware that the devices ordered below can only be attached to animals kept or depastured on the holding described in this order.</p>							
Signature				Date			
<b>NT PIC/property details</b>							
Property Identification Code (PIC)	T						
Name of property / holding							
For confirmation of the Property Identification Code (PIC) go to the NT Government website <sup>1</sup>							

<sup>1</sup> <https://nt.gov.au/industry/agriculture/livestock-and-animals/get-a-property-identification-code/property-identification-code-list-all-regions>

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<b>DEVICE / TAG TYPE:</b>				
<b>The colour of year system for sheep and goat breeder devices rotates every eight years</b>				
	Year	Year	Colour	Total # of tags
<b>Breeder tags</b>	2020	2028	Purple	
	2021	2029	Yellow	
	2022	2030	Red	
	2023	2031	Sky blue	
	2024	2032	Black	
	2025	2033	White	
	2026	2034	Orange	
	2027	2032	Light green	
<b>POST</b>	Any year	Post-breeder tags must be pink		
Email address (for delivery of number file)				
<p><b>To apply for the NT Government incentive, please fill in the table below and send completed form through to <a href="mailto:ntnlis.DITT@nt.gov.au">ntnlis.DITT@nt.gov.au</a>. Orders will be placed with your retailer/supplier of choice.</b></p> <p><b>Note: Other equipment incentives also available for eligible sheep and goat owners. Please see <i>Sheep and Goat eID equipment reimbursement application</i>.</b></p>				
Preferred retailer/supplier (must be within the NT)				
Retailer postal address (in full)				
Tag Applicator required	Yes / No	PIC/property details last updated	/ /20	

## Collection notice

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade respects and is committed to safeguarding the confidentiality and privacy of the information that it collects and handles, in accordance with the Northern Territory *Information Act 2002*<sup>2</sup>.

You have been asked to provide personal information necessary for us to assess your sheep and goat eID equipment reimbursement application.

You do not have to provide your personal information, but if you choose not to, we might not be able to accept or process your application, or your application may be refused.

The information you provide will be accessible to the Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade and will only be used to provide a department service or program.

We will not disclose your personal information to third parties unless:

- authorised or required by law to do so
- you have given us your consent to share your personal information for a specific purpose.

You may request access to the information we hold about you. To find out more read our privacy policy<sup>3</sup>. If you want more information about the Northern Territory's privacy laws, please refer to the Northern Territory Information Act 2002, or the Office of the Information Commissioner NT website<sup>4</sup>.

## Further information

For more information contact your local livestock biosecurity officer.

### Darwin region

Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer (RLBO)

Ph: 08 8999 2034

M: 0401 115 802

### Katherine region

Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer (RLBO)

Ph: 08 8973 9767

M: 0467 740 233

Livestock Biosecurity Officer (LBO)

Ph: 08 8973 9765

M: 0427 604 002

### Alice Springs region

Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer (RLBO)

Ph: 08 8951 8125

M: 0401 118 125

### Tennant Creek region

Regional Livestock Biosecurity Officer (RLBO)

Ph: 08 8962 4492

M: 0457 517 347

Livestock Biosecurity Officer (LBO)

Ph: 08 8962 4458

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<sup>2</sup> <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/Legislation/INFORMATION-ACT-2002>

<sup>3</sup> <https://industry.nt.gov.au/publications/corporate/privacy-policy>

<sup>4</sup> <https://infocomm.nt.gov.au/>