

## CONDITIONS OF USE FOR PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION DEVICES FOR SHEEP AND GOATS

Part IVA of the *Animal (Brands and Movement) Act 1984*  
APPLICABLE IN THE STATE OF TASMANIA

There will be two categories of permanent identification devices for sheep and goats:

- **Sheep and Goat Breeder Tag Identification Devices** and
- **Sheep and Goat Post Breeder Tag Identification Devices**

Requirements for the use of permanent identification devices in animals, as defined in the *Animal (Brands and Movements) Act 1984* and by the Chief Veterinary Officer, are set out below:-

- Permanent identification ear tags must be attached to the **right ear of male sheep** and the **left ear of female sheep**, this being the **opposite ear to the registered ear mark**.
- The person in charge must **keep records** of all unattached permanent identification devices that are **lost, destroyed, stolen or disposed of**.
- Only people authorised by the Registrar of Brands or acting under the direction of an authorised person can obtain, possess and apply permanent identification devices. Additional written permission is required to:-
  - a) remove a permanent identification device.
  - b) alter a permanent identification device.
  - c) apply a permanent identification device on premises other than one corresponding to the property identification code printed on the device.
  - d) re-use devices.
  - e) destroy a permanent identification device, unless it is destroyed with the animal.

### SHEEP and GOAT BREEDER TAG IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

- Must only be applied to sheep or goats that are permanently identified on the premises **on which they were born**.
- Sheep or Goat Breeder tags **must not be pink in colour**.

### SHEEP and GOAT POST BREEDER TAG IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

- Must only be applied to sheep or goats that are permanently identified on premises **other than the premises of birth**.
- Sheep or Goat Post Breeder tags **must be pink** in colour.
- A Sheep or Goat Post Breeder Tag Identification Device may be applied to a sheep or goat which already carries a Permanent Identification Device.