

CONDITIONS OF USE FOR PERMANENT IDENTIFICATION DEVICES FOR CATTLE

Section 22 of the *Animal (Brands and Movement) Act 1984*
APPLICABLE IN THE STATE OF TASMANIA

There will be two categories of permanent identification devices for cattle:

- **Breeder Tag Identification Devices** and
- **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 devices that are ear tags must be attached to the **right ear**.
- The person in charge must **keep records** of all unattached permanent identification devices that are **lost, destroyed, stolen or disposed of**.
- Permission from the Registrar of Brands or the Chief Veterinary Officer is required to:-
 - a) remove a permanent identification device from an animal.
 - b) alter a permanent identification device.
 - c) Apply a permanent identification device to an animal that already has one.
 - d) apply a permanent identification device to animal not on the premises approved by the Registrar of Brands for the application of those devices (ie where the property identification code (PIC) on the device does not match the PIC of the premises where the device is being used).
 - e) destroy a permanent identification device, unless it is destroyed with the animal.

BREEDER TAG IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

- Must only be applied to animals that are permanently identified on the premises **on which they were born**.
- If the devices are **ear** tags, they must be **white**.

POST BREEDER TAG IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

- Must only be applied to animals that are permanently identified on premises **other than the premises of birth**.
- If the devices are **ear** tags, they must be **orange**.

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