

**L O W L I N E**

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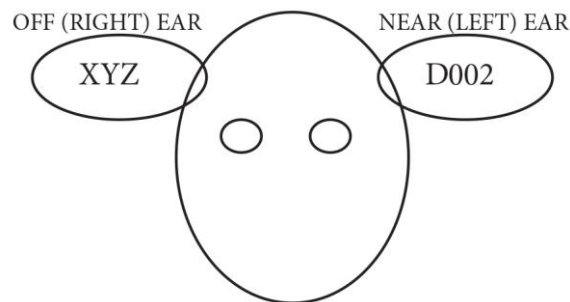
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### **Mandatory Animal Identification (By-Law 8)**

#### **Tattooing**

All animals submitted for registration must be ear tattooed.

The **stud tattoo code** is imprinted into the animal's **right ear** so that it can be read upright from the front. The **year letter and individual calf number** is imprinted into the animal's left ear. In the example below, the right ear has been tattooed with the stud prefix of XYZ and the tattoo in the left ear is D002. Thus the full ear tattoo of the example calf is XYZ D002. It is recommended that this be done using a green paste to allow for easier reading of tattoos.



In the above example XYZ represents the stud prefix as registered with ALCA, D represents the year letter (this is not specific to Lowlines and the same numbering system is used by many breeds of cattle) and 002 indicates that this animal is the second calf born to that particular stud.

It is suggested that calf numbers are allocated consecutively as they are born regardless of whether they will be registered or not. The ear management tag number would normally be the same as the ear tattoo number (although this is personal choice depending on your farming practice). Note that the numeric sequence continues in following years – it does not return to 001 at the commencement of each year. The individual calf number can be any number from 001 to 999 but no two calves can have the same tattoo.

#### **Australia – NLIS Identification**

In Australia, MLA provides a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) which provides a history and traceability of livestock movement and ownership. Members utilising NLIS as the method of identification (By-Law 8.3) need to conform to the MLA requirements. Please visit the MLA website for further details.

<http://www.mla.com.au/Meat-safety-and-traceability/National-Livestock-Identification-System/NLIS-database>

Members proposing to use NLIS should contact the ALCA Office as to recording requirements and status of show society's acceptability of NLIS in lieu of tattoos.

**New Zealand – NAIT Identification**

In New Zealand the National Animal Identification and Tracing (NAIT) scheme provided a database that records the animal's location, movements within the animal's life and the contact details of the listed owner. Members utilising this method (By-Law 8.4) need to conform to the NAIT requirements. Please visit the NAIT website for further details.

<http://www.nait.co.nz/>

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