NLIS
Australia's National Livestock Identification System

Information sheet

NLIS
Combines the elements to enable the lifetime traceability of animals.
- *Livestock are identified by a visual or electronic eartag/device.*
- *All physical locations are identified by means of a PIC.*
- *All livestock location data and movements are recorded in a central data base.*

The NLIS database is concerned with animal movements. You can look at the NLIS website at www.nlis.com.au.

Why?
The AAA have been trying to have alpacas included in the NLIS for greater than 10 years. This work has now come to the stage where Alpacas have been prioritised by the government.

Legislation:
At this stage there are no States/Territories that have legislated the requirement for Alpacas to be in NLIS however this is expected to change in the coming years. The AAA have taken a proactive approach to have the system already in place when this occurs.

There are a number of layers of legislation that relate to animals at both Commonwealth and State level. There are National Standards and then the States have rules that sit under that.

The States may implement their legislation at different times and there may be different rules that sit under each one. The States will consult with Alpaca owners as the time for the drafting of the legislation comes closer.

NLIS Tags
The aim is to get all foot and mouth susceptible breeds to the electronic ear tag.

The cost of the tags are $2.10 which is similar to the price of the brass IAR tags currently used.

Wands/scanners are available for to use on the electronic tags, however these are not a requirement, it is entirely up to the owners. The AAA will purchase a number of wands/scanner for the use at shows so that the convenors can check the animal and sign them in and out of the show.

Currently there is still the requirement for Camelid Waybills.

Tags will be available to order on line through the AAA website shop. Nonmembers will also be able to purchase NLIS tags through the shop. The AAA will be the gatekeepers for the order of tags but not the NLIS database. You will not be able to purchase them, at this time, anywhere else.

The forms are currently being developed and it is expected that your will be able to order from mid April.

There are 2 types of tags.
Breeder tags – for all animals bred on your property.
Post breeder tags (pink) for animals not bred on your property that have come without a tag.

You will be able to order replacement tags as you can with brass IAR tags if necessary.

The tags will remain as is now with male in the left ear and females in the right ear.

Tag information

RapID® Tag

Features:
· NLIS compliant.
· Unique swivel action stem designed to reduce infection and aid in healing.
· Conveniently supplied in strips of 20.
· Extra wide panels enable one or two line alphanumeric printing on both the male and female side of the tag. Customise your tags to suit your farming practices.

Two-Piece Lightweight Tamperproof Tag

Features:
· NLIS compliant.
· Closed head, tamperproof, electronic (EID) tag with male button.
· Half-Duplex (HDX) technology, no susceptibility to noise seen in some Full-duplex (FDX) tags.
· Sold individually.
· 'Do Not Remove' button matched to the colour of the year.
Please note: Available in limited colours based on post breeder, previous, current and next years Australian Year colours.

eAlpaca
Will remain as it is now the AAA's pedigree data base and show and event management system. eAlpaca holds the information relevant to the pedigree of animals, ownership history as well births and deaths. It is also the show administration system which enables the regions to run shows and have all the relevant information required for the show to be accessed.

eAlpac will not change with the implementation of NLIS except that you will be able to register your animals with NLIS tag number. You will also be able to search by the NLIS tag number.

General information.
There is currently no pressure for members to retag all their animals. It will a phased in approach.
As training becomes available it will be provided to members.
There will be live demonstrations of the tags by Julie Wilkinson and Mick Williams in the coming months who have been using these tags for a number of years.