



Approved identifiers

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Summary

All livestock in WA must be correctly identified according to species. Identification systems used by organisations such as breed societies may be approved to be legally recognised as sufficient identification. Approved identification may be used by members of the organisation to identify their animals instead of using their registered identifiers (registered stock brand or earmark).

Approved identifiers

Any organisation that has a system for identifying animals registered to it may apply to have that system accepted as an “approved identifier” under section 43 of the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management (Identification and Movement of Stock and Apiaries) Regulations 2013*. Stock owners associated with that organisation may use the approved identifier to identify their animals instead of using their registered identifiers (registered stock brand or earmark). These owners must still be registered as an owner of stock.

*BAM(IMS)A regulations

Approval process

Any organisations that wish to have their identification system approved can apply to:

Registrar of Stock and Apiaries
Department of Agriculture and Food, Western
Australia
PO Box 1231
Bunbury WA 6230

Applications must include details of:

- the type of identifier – e.g. brand, microchip, ID number
- the database that contains details relating to that animal – e.g. the database organisation and contact details
- the requirements for owners to update details when an animal is sold
- the procedure for a DAFWA stock inspector to determine ownership of the animal from the identifier.

Currently approved identifiers

Thoroughbreds

Animals: Thoroughbred horses
Organisation: Racing and Wagering WA
Identification System: DAFWA registered stock brand, microchip – recorded by Australian Stud Book and Registrar of Racehorses
Database contact: Val Howells t: 9445 5507,
Megan Schrader t: 9445 5528, Marilyn Baptie t: 9445 5578

Standardbreds

Animals: Standardbred horses
Organisation: Racing and Wagering WA
Identification system: Breed Society freeze brand, may have DAFWA registered stock brand
Database contact:
Sue Williams t: +61 (0)8 9445 5506
Tayla Roche t: +61 (0)8 9445 5505
Marilyn Baptie t: +61 (0)8 9445 5578
w: harness.org.au

Australian Warmbloods

Animals: Warmblood horses
Organisation: Australian Warmblood Horse Association
Identification system: DAFWA registered stock brand and/or microchip – recorded in Association database
Database contact: Silvia Ahamer, Federal Registrar t: +61 (0)2 4884 4143

Shire horses

Animals: Shire horses
Organisation: Shire Horse Society
Identification system: Sketch, DNA test and microchip. Microchip recorded in Central Animal Records (CAR) database. Society keeps a record of microchip numbers as well.
Database contact: Helen Kuiper
t: +61 (0)2 4683 1664.
CAR: t: 1800 333 202. (An account is needed to log into CAR.)

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All horses

Horses that are not registered with any breed society or equine association can be identified with a microchip if the owner has the number registered with any of the five following commercial animal microchip databases.

Animals: Horses

Organisation: Australasian Animal Registry (AAR)

Identification: microchip

Database contact:

w: aar.org.au

t: +61 (0)2 9704 1450

Animals: Horses

Organisation: Central Animal Records (CAR)

Identification: microchip

Database contact:

w: car.com.au

t: +61 (0)3 9706 3187

Animals: Horses

Organisation: Homesafe ID

Identification: microchip

Database contact:

w: homesafeid.com

t: 1300 537 140

Animals: Horses

Organisation: National Pet Register

Identification: microchip

Database contact:

w: petregister.com.au

t: 1300 734 738

Animals: Horses

Organisation: Petsafe

Identification: microchip

Database contact:

w: petsafe.com.au

t: +61 (0)2 8850 6800

Pigs

Animals: pigs

Organisation: Australian Pig Breeders' Association

Identification system: Ear tattoo or ear tag

Database contact: Livestock and Business Centre, Kiama NSW

t: +61 (0)2 4232 3333

w: lbcentre.com.au

Camelids

Animals: alpaca

Organisation: Australian Alpaca Association

Identification system: breed society brass eartag with AAA number

Database contact: Greg Shead, WA President AAA

w: alpaca.asn.au

t: +61 (0) 400 951 123

Animals: alpaca

Organisation: Australasian Alpaca Breeders' Association

Identification system: breed society plastic eartag with PIC and animal number

Database contact: Christie Prohm,

w: aaba.com.au

t: +61 (0)2 4277 5975

Cattle

Animals: Angus cattle

Organisation: Angus Society of Australia

Identification system: any two of - ear tattoo, approved brand or an NLIS device

Database contact: Jan Gaffney, WA Secretary,

w: angusaustralia.com.au

e: jgaffney@raswa.org.au

t: +61 (0)2 6263 3100

More information

For more information, contact:
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t: +61 (0)8 9780 6100

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