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## Replaced tags transaction (RFID tags)

Related Tech Tips:

*Replaced tag query, Replacement rollback, Post-breeder device transfers*



RFID tags should remain with an animal for life, but if they fall out, or cannot be read electronically, State regulations may allow replacements. If tag replacements are allowed and animals are still on the property of birth, producers apply a new breeder tag. In any other case, a new post-breeder tag must be applied.

RFID breeder tags for cattle must be **white**. Post-breeder tags for cattle must be **orange**.  
RFID breeder tags for sheep and goats are often **yellow** but can follow the 8-year 'Year of birth' colour rotation system adopted for visual ear tags. Post-breeder tags for sheep and goats must be **pink**.

Before a **Replaced tags** transaction can be submitted to the database, several conditions must be met:

- The person wishing to record the transaction must know the NLISID or RFID of the old and new tags.
- The old and new tags must both be registered to the same PIC on the NLIS Database, and that PIC must be linked to the account of the person submitting the Replaced tag transaction.

Note: Run the **Beast enquiry** report to find out whether both tags are registered to the same PIC.

- The new (replacement) tag cannot have any transfers recorded against it.

Note: If the new tag has a transfer, it can be reversed with the **Transfer correction** transaction but authorisation may first need to be obtained from relevant bodies e.g. EUCAS, for EU cattle.

Incorrectly recorded tag replacements may be rolled back by SDA and SA accounts using the **Replacement rollback** transaction. For more information, see the Tech Tip for that transaction.

Login to the database at [www.nlis.mla.com.au](http://www.nlis.mla.com.au)

- 1 Enter your **NLIS user ID** and **password** and click **Login**
- 2 Select **Cattle** or select **Sheep (individual)** for RFIDs applied to sheep or goats.
- 3 Select **Replaced tags** and click **Go**
- 4 Choose one of two methods:
  - Click **type in the details** to type or paste the details on the screen ... see page 2
  - Click **upload a file** to upload a file saved on your computer ... see page 2

**Which livestock do you want to work with?**

I want to work with  (Please select)

**What do you want to do to**  (Please select)

I want to  (Please select)

Account management  
Change my types of livestock  
View/edit my account details  
Notify the database of:  
Device status  
Livestock moved off my property  
Livestock moved onto my property  
Livestock that have died on property  
PIC reconciliation  
**Replaced tags**  
Transfer correction

**Go**

If the animals are sheep or goats and State NLIS regulations specify electronic tags, choose **Sheep (individual)**.

Producer transactions are pictured here. Transactions for other account types are different.



Cattle breeder device  
(Leader Products)



Cattle post-breeder device  
(Allflex Australia)

The database assigns an **R1** status to the old tag and links the old and new tag numbers, to preserve any Lifetime Traceability (LT) status. Any other statuses that applied to the old tag will now apply to the new one. RFID tags that have been replaced appear like this in database reports that include a 'Status' column:

	NLIS ID	RFID	Program code	Status code
1	NH750340LBZ00025	951 000001144562	NLS	R1

## Type in the details method

Use this method to type in the replaced tag details for **one** animal.

- 1 Enter details in the compulsory fields\*

- 2 Click **Continue** to proceed, or click **Back** to return to the previous screen.
- 3 Follow the prompts to **confirm the details** and **upload** them to the database.
- 4 On the **Receipt** screen, click **View my transaction history** to check the **Upload status** of the file.

## Upload a file method

Use this method to record replaced tag details for **multiple** animals from the **same or different** PICs.

### Create a file and save it on your computer

Use Microsoft Excel or Notepad to create a file and save it on your computer to upload later.

- 1 Use columns **A-C**, entering the details for each tag replacement on a separate row.
- 2 Choose **Save as**, name the file and Save as type: **CSV (Comma delimited)** on your computer.

	A	B	C
1	PICTEST4XEY00093	982 000016959811	15/04/2014
2	PICTEST5XEY00125	982 000016959812	15/04/2014
3	PICTEST7XBZ10008	982 000016959813	15/04/2014

Old device NLISID or RFID      New device NLISID or RFID      Date device replaced

### Send the file to the database

- 3 Select **Replaced tags** and click **Go**
- 4 Click **upload a file** and click **Browse** to find the file.
- 5 Select the file and click **Open** to display the path name.
- 6 Click **Continue** to proceed, and **confirm the details**.
- 7 Click **Send** to upload the file to the database.
- 8 On the **Receipt** screen, click **View my transaction history** to check the **Upload status** of the file.