

### **ISC Webinar Question and Answer Transcript**

#### Wednesday 29 July 2020 7.30pm to 8.30pm EST Hosted by Integrity Systems Company (ISC)

#### Q: How do I know when my LPA accreditation is due? Am I notified?

**A:** You can check your reaccreditation due date by logging into your LPA account online. As soon as you are logged in, you will be able to see your accreditation date on the home page otherwise we will contact you via email at least 60 days before your accreditation is due.

# Q: If you are invited to lease (long term) a neighbouring property, can you add their PIC code to yours? To save having to keep having to record movements every week?

**A:** So, it is not advisable to join PICs. The aim of the traceability standards are to identify each unique parcel of land. This will also mean that when the lease expires you will need to change PICs again. There will also be an issue if someone else uses the PIC as the PIC will be linked to you.

#### Q: Is it possible to transfer livestock from one PIC to another without LPA accreditation?

**A:** The LPA Program is a voluntary program so you are not required to be accredited with LPA although many supply chain entities throughout Australia require you to be LPA accredited in order to sell livestock to them. Transferring livestock is completed on the NLIS database and is mandatory. Should you wish not to be LPA accredited and use a NVD, be sure to identify which movement document is relevant in your state when moving your livestock.

#### Q: Do alpacas and dairy goats need an NLIS tag?

A: In NSW, all goats must be tagged prior to moving off-farm, including dairy goats. Alpacas have no state requirement to be tagged with NLIS. The NLIS only includes cattle, sheep and goat movements.

#### Q: If using eNVD do you need to print out or is on the system sufficient?

**A:** You do not have to print if you have completed the form in its entirety and the receiver is aware you are using the eNVD. The supply chain can log-in to access the completed eNVD prior to delivery,

however make sure it is compete and submitted including the transporters details. If all else fails, you can print any time and use it like the current NVD book.

#### Q: Can you please explain question 1 on sheep NVD

**A:** Question 1 on the Sheep NVD specifically relates to independently audited QA programs such as LPA QA, otherwise known as Flockcare, as well as other industry wide programs that are branded based on a breed or region that you may be part of.

#### Q: Will the new NVDs be available electronically?

**A:** The new NVDs are available as part of the eNVD. Watch the webinar recording for more information or visit <u>the eNVD section</u> on the ISC website.

#### Q: Can you cut and paste your signature onto your eNVD?

A: ISC has received a lot of similar feedback about the digital signature and we are reviewing this solution now. Please keep an eye on the <u>ISC website eNVD updates</u> to the digital signatures in eNVD coming soon.

#### Q: Can you sell through the saleyards or to an abattoir without LPA accreditation?

**A:** The LPA Program is a voluntary program so you are not required to be accredited with LPA although many supply chain entities throughout Australia including saleyards and abattoirs require you to be LPA accredited in order to sell livestock to them. It is recommended that if you are not yet LPA accredited you contact the saleyard or abattoir prior to consigning your livestock to identify if they require you are accredited with the LPA program.

## Q: In my experience, getting a vendor declaration form from a hay supplier is hard. The best I've got is an email from a producer telling me what chemicals he's used. Is that good enough?

**A:** It is an LPA requirement that you obtain CVDs for hay so try <u>downloading a Commodity Vendor</u> <u>Declaration</u> and completing as much as you can then asking the farmer to complete the rest and sign. The more producers request CVDs the more accustomed farmers will get at filling them out.

### Q: Do producers get feedback via Livestock Data Link if they sell cattle to a feedlot as then they in turn are processed by a participating abattoir?

**A:** Unfortunately, Livestock Data Link only provides carcass feedback from abattoirs. However, they are always looking for ways to improve the system so please send your idea through to Idl@integritysystems.com.au

### Q: Can you please clarify, if cattle are being sent to an agent, does the agent's PIC need to be noted on the NVD?

A: The key thing to remember is that the destination needs to be the physical location where these animals are being transferred to, and you can consign the animals to the agents PIC as they are taking carriage of the animals. These will be different.

### Q: Can you please explain question 3 on the Sheep NVD again, what would you tick if you had 50% born and bred?

**A:** Question 3 on the NVD is required to be filled out with the minimum time stock have been on your property. So, if you have a mixed consignment of 50% vendor bred and 50% purchased, you must tick NO and select the period of time that those purchased sheep have been on your PIC for. Alternatively, if you are able to separate the consignment you could use two NVDs identifying which consignment is vendor bred or purchased.

# Q: Do dairy milking herds grazing next door's property for less than 12 hours have to log the movement?

**A:** As per state legislation, for any livestock that move from one PIC to a different PIC, an NLIS transfer is required. Depending on which state you are located in, ISC would recommend discussing this with your local state department to ensure you are working in with your state's requirements. ISC has a <u>state contacts list</u> on the website.

# Q: I have never done an NLIS transfer. Can I log in and update my records, ie, tags etc of sheep and goats, on the site?

A: ISC would suggest completing a PIC reconciliation to determine if the tags you have assigned to your account match the tags you actually have on your farm (both in animals and spare tags in the cupboard). Using the NLIS database takes some practice, so first check out all the <u>information on the ISC website</u> as a starting point.

#### Q: When is the ISC team hitting the ground to get this out to producers face-to-face?

**A:** ISC has been doing a lot of producer communication and education over the course of 2020 in the lead up to the new NVD becoming available from 1 July. Since we are limited in what we can do face to face due to COVID-19 restrictions at the moment, we have these webinars as well as an advertising campaign and regular updates via email. We will certainly do more and plan some local events once restrictions ease. Thanks for your suggestion.