BE AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENTS FOR USING NLIS/ ELECTRONIC TAGS FROM 1ST JANUARY 2019 FOR SELLING SHEEP IN OR INTO VICTORIA, THROUGH SALEYARDS, DIRECT TO ABATTOIR OR PRIVATE SALE.

For All Victorian Vendors

From **1 January 2017**:

• All animals born on a Victorian property must be tagged with an electronic NLIS EID tag, and

From 1 January 2019:

- All animals born after 1 January 2019 leaving a Victorian property must be tagged with an electronic NLIS EID tag, regardless of state of birth, and
- Any lambs born in 2019 purchased from an interstate vendor and put onto a Victorian property
 (including feedlots) <u>must</u> be tagged with an NLIS electronic EID pink post breeder tag <u>prior to being</u>
 moved from that Victorian property.

As an example:

Bob from Swan Hill buys 2019 drop lambs from inside NSW and places them into his feedlot. When they are to be moved or sold these lambs need to be tagged with <u>Post Breeder</u> electronic NLIS tags.

From 1 January 2022:

- All animals leaving a Victorian property must be tagged with a NLIS electronic tag.
- All animals born prior to 1 January 2017, will need to be retagged with NLIS electronic tag prior to dispatch – this may be a vendor tag if still on property of birth, or a post breeder tag if they were introduced from elsewhere.

As an example:

In Feb 2022 Glenn from Ouyen decides to retire and is selling all his ewes. This totals 300 head of 2016 drop ewes. He will need to tag all ewes with NLIS electronic tags prior to dispatch.

He has 100 ewes that were bred by him. These can have <u>Vendor</u> NLIS electronic tags.

He also has 100 ewes he bought from Wycheproof and another 100 ewes he bought from up in NSW. Both mobs will require NLIS Post Breeder electronic tags.

For All NSW, SA & QLD Vendors

At this point there is no requirement for interstate vendors to tag their sheep with electronic NLIS tags. All animals introduced into Victoria are required to be tagged approved by the NLIS in their state of origin.

Interstate animals can be sold through a Victorian saleyard, direct to an abattoir or to another Victorian purchaser without being retagged provided they have come directly from the interstate property. Once housed on a Victorian property and are to be moved, the above Victorian rules apply.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your BR&C Agent or Robyn Leishman, DPEI Officer in Swan Hill.

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