

# New rules on Property Identification Codes

FROM September 1, 2012 Property Identification Codes (PIC) will be required for more livestock species in a move to strengthen biosecurity in NSW.

The expansion of PIC requirements is also an effort to improve NSW's capacity to respond to animal disease and food safety incidents.

Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Executive Director Bruce Christie said that the new requirements will affect anyone who keeps livestock such as sheep, cattle, goats, pigs, deer, bison, buffalo, camels, horses, donkeys, llama, alpaca or 100 or more poultry



**RULES:** The new requirements will affect anyone who keeps livestock such as sheep, cattle, goats, pigs, deer, bison and more.

birds with all these animals needing to obtain a PIC.

This requirement is regardless of whether they are trading or moving animals.

"In NSW it is already a requirement for owners of cattle, sheep,

goats and pigs to have a PIC when trading or moving livestock," Mr Christie said.

"It is estimated that over 33,000 new PICs will be required over the next three years."

The introduction of these new requirements follows on from requests from the horse industry to expand the scheme to properties carrying horses.

"Australia is recognised globally for producing clean and safe quality meat products," Mr Christie said.

"To maintain this enviable reputation it is important that we continue to enhance our biosecurity measures and ensure we are on the front foot when it

comes to disease outbreaks."

Chair of the LHPA State Management Council, Ian Donges is in support of these changes saying "PIC information improves traceability back to specific properties allowing a quick response to animal disease outbreaks, such as equine influenza (EI).

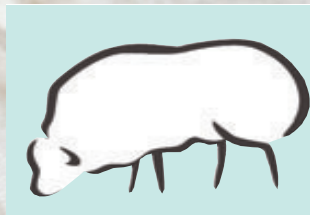
"During the 2007 EI outbreak authorities' efforts to quickly control the disease were limited by not knowing the exact location and number of horses in NSW – the new requirements should address this," he said.

PIC's are available from the local Livestock Health and Pest Authorities (LHPA).

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