



European Union Cattle Accreditation Scheme (EUCAS)

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1. Inactive Tag status:

The 'Inactive Tag' status is a new feature in the NLIS database which has been designed for use when it's unknown whether a device was lost or damaged, or whether the animal associated with the device is deceased, has strayed or moved off the property.

Inactive devices are filtered out so they don't appear on your 'current holdings' for the property. However, if the device is subsequently transferred or slaughtered, and the transaction recorded in the NLIS database, the Inactive status is automatically removed. The Inactive status can also be removed manually.

If you are reconciling your NLIS database account, the Inactive Tag status is the preferred option rather than using the AAAAAAAA code. For information on how to activate the Inactive Tag status, phone the NLIS Support Desk on 1800 654 743 and select Option 2.

2. Rules for purchasing non-EU breeding females:

The first step in purchasing non-EU breeding females is to apply for approval from AQIS. This is important because approval may not be given retrospectively. Call us on the EUCAS Helpline number below for an application form. If your approval period is coming to an end, but you think you may still purchase some animals, give us a call a week or two before it expires and we can extend your approval over the phone.

The females you purchase must be vendor bred, HGP free and NLIS tagged, and you must keep a copy of the National Vendor Declaration on your files. You may buy cows, heifers and pregnant females, but cows with calves at foot are not permitted.

After you purchase the animals and transfer them to your PIC in the NLIS database (within seven days of purchase), you will need to send us a list of their tag numbers (either the external NLIS numbers or the internal RFID numbers). We will keep this list on file for audit purposes.

3. Relinquishing your EU accreditation:

If you want to give up your EU accreditation, it's important to remember that you must do so in writing. In your correspondence, please include your PIC number and the reason you're relinquishing (eg. drought, commercial reasons etc).

It's better to voluntarily give up your accreditation than to have it revoked by AQIS, because this would have implications if you decided to re-enter the scheme at a later date.

You can post, fax or email us your relinquishment letter – whichever is more convenient. Our contact details are listed at the bottom of this letter.

EUCAS Helpline: 1800 305 544
Fax: 02 6272 5442 **Email:** eucas@aqis.gov.au

Open: 8am-4pm Monday to Friday
Post: EUCAS, GPO Box 858, Canberra 2601

NLIS Support Desk: 1800 654 743

To order EUVDs or NVDs: 1800 683 111

If you would prefer to receive the information in this circular via email please send an email to eucas@aqis.gov.au with the subject heading of 'e-circular for us'. Please include your PIC number in the message.