

# NAIT ACCREDITED ENTITIES

# SALEYARD RESPONSIBILITIES

This factsheet is an overview of the legal obligations for organisations and accredited entities operating at a saleyard facility.

The movement of NAIT animals (cattle and deer) to and from a saleyard, must be recorded in the NAIT online system. A saleyard location may have more than one registered NAIT number, as each nominated individual or organisation operating at a saleyard will be assigned a NAIT number.

## ACCREDITED ENTITIES

An individual or organisation that trades in NAIT animals may apply to the NAIT organisation to qualify as a **NAIT accredited entity**. Any PICA farmer that sends animals to a NAIT location registered to an accredited entity, is exempt from their obligation to declare a sending movement of animals from their property. Instead, the accredited entity is required to record this information on behalf of the PICA farmer.

## ACCREDITATION STANDARD

In accordance with *Section 20 of the National Animal Identification and Tracing Act 2012*, NAIT accredited entities must comply with the accreditation standard issued by NAIT Limited. This specifies the requirements that must be met by all organisations that seek to apply for and act as an accredited entity. This includes the upload, submission and management of NAIT data, and the required resourcing and system requirements.



NAIT Limited reviews adherence to these standards and sanctions apply to any non-conformance under the NAIT Act.

## SALEYARD REGISTRATION

### PICA SALEYARD

If a saleyard facility is owned and operated by an enterprise or individual company, the enterprise must nominate their personnel responsible for NAIT on behalf of the business. The nominated PICA must register the saleyard facility in the NAIT online system and will be assigned a NAIT number for the location.

For saleyards operating shared use of the premises or facility, any individual

stock agent or livestock organisation trading at the saleyard must also nominate a PICA. The nominated PICA must register a NAIT number at the saleyard location. There may be several PICA saleyard users registered at a designated saleyard from which they operate.

There can only be one nominated PICA saleyard and registered NAIT number for each business operating at an individual saleyard. The organisation or enterprise may nominate PICA delegates (meaning other personnel) to assist the PICA saleyard with fulfilling their NAIT obligations.



## ORGANISATION ADMINISTRATOR

A saleyard enterprise registered in the NAIT online system must assign an organisation administrator user. The user can register and maintain personal information on behalf of PICA saleyards and monitor uploads to the NAIT database for the organisation they represent. They can also make changes to the registered PICA saleyard or delegates for any NAIT number registered to their organisation as required.

## PICA SALEYARD RESPONSIBILITIES

### RECORDING MOVEMENTS

It is the obligation of the nominated PICA saleyard to ensure that accurate animal movement information is recorded in the NAIT online system. This accounts for NAIT animals moved to and from saleyards on behalf of the organisation they represent.

**Receiving movements** to an accredited entity operating at a saleyard facility are recorded by the PICA saleyard on behalf of the sending PICA farmer. The sending PICA farmer is therefore exempt from their obligation to record the sending movement to an accredited entity at a saleyard.

**Sending movements** from a saleyard to a farm must be recorded as both a sending movement by the PICA saleyard, and a receiving movement by the receiving PICA farmer.

NAIT movements must be recorded in the NAIT online system within 48 hours of the animals arriving at the saleyard or farm.

Animals moved direct to a meat processor from a saleyard must be recorded as a sending movement by the PICA saleyard. For accuracy, the movement declaration must reflect the NAIT number at the saleyard, and at the meat processor.

A PICA saleyard must monitor pending movements recorded to and from the NAIT number for which they are the PICA, and confirm or reject movements as required within 48 hours.

### NAIT TAGGING AT A SALEYARD

A saleyard can purchase NAIT RFID tags in order to tag animals received at the saleyard without a NAIT tag, or if tagged with a damaged or invalid tag. Tags can be purchased from retailers or accredited tag manufacturers.

### MANAGING UNTAGGED ANIMALS RECEIVED AT A SALEYARD

Animals without a NAIT approved RFID tag must be tagged at the saleyard with a NAIT RFID tag, and registered in the NAIT online system. Otherwise, they must be returned to their point of origin. The nominated PICA saleyard must also notify the NAIT organisation of the sending PICA's information. Animals must not be sold or sent from the saleyard without being tagged.

### TAGS THAT CANNOT BE READ WITH AN RFID READER

If an animal is tagged with a NAIT RFID tag that cannot be read by an RFID reader, the tag should be read visually, or removed and replaced with another NAIT approved RFID tag with permission from NAIT.

### ANIMALS TAGGED WITH AN INCORRECT TAG TYPE

NAIT tags for cattle must be white on both sides. NAIT tags for deer must have an orange RFID portion but the back portion may be any colour except white. It is an offence to tag an animal with a NAIT device that has been issued for a different species type.

If an incorrectly tagged animal arrives at sale, the nominated PICA saleyard must apply for permission to NAIT to remove the tag, and replace it with the correct tag type.

### NAIT TAG REMOVAL

NAIT tag removal must be approved by a NAIT officer or NAIT Authorised Person. If tag removal is required, contact OSPRI on **0800 482 463** or email [info@ospri.co.nz](mailto:info@ospri.co.nz) to seek authorisation to remove NAIT tags. A tag replacement should be recorded in the NAIT online system to link the original tag with the new.

### CALVING AT A SALEYARD

If an animal is born at a saleyard, it must be tagged with a NAIT RFID tag before it moves to a new owner or returned untagged to the farm it was sent from.

### ANIMAL DEATH OR EUTHANASIA AT A SALEYARD

If an animal dies or is euthanised at a saleyard, the entity must record a receiving movement for the animal and declare the animal as dead in the NAIT online system. The PICA saleyard entering the animal death information will need to provide the date of death, how the animal died and the disposal method.

### PROBLEM RESOLUTION

If a PICA farmer notifies an accredited entity of an issue with a NAIT movement recorded on their behalf, the nominated PICA saleyard must take reasonable steps to resolve the issue to ensure the correct movement information is recorded in the NAIT online system.

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**0800 482 463**