

## Example of communication provided to the National Competent Authorities

**To:** National Competent Authorities in the animal identification sector

**Institution and Country:** Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft (Austria)

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**Att:** Erich Ruetz

**Re:** Competent Authorities and ICAR

Dear Mrs/Mr Erich Ruetz,

ICAR as the international standards setting organization in animal identification and animal recording has recently created a list of national Competent Authorities (CA) responsible for animal identification in their national territories. The attached is the first circular ICAR is sending to inform the concerned national bodies of the new standards and procedures ICAR has adopted in the testing and certification of animal identification devices. ICAR believes the attached information will be useful for setting new, more comprehensive selection criteria for procurement of animal identification devices at national level.

Assuming that ICAR is already known international body for most CAs we recommend you to search any further information on ICAR from the newly designed webpage [www.icar.org](http://www.icar.org) which we hope you will find attractive and useful. As a Competent Authority we recommend as very useful document "A Synthesis of the ICAR Guidelines on Animal Identification" found on: <http://www.icar.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Synthesis-of-the-ICAR-Guidelines-for-Animal-Identification.pdf>

In future ICAR will share further information to CAs whenever we believe it would be of national interest and would very much welcome any feedback or recommendations you as national bodies could have for ICAR to improve its information service to you.

Best regards

ICAR Secretariat