## **Overview of ICAR certifications of Animal Identification devices**

|  | CONVENTIONAL EAR TAGS  | RFID DEVICES  |  |
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|  |  | External<br>(Ear tags, leg tags, tag attachments)   | Internal (Ruminal boluses, injectable transponders)  |
| First-time<br>certification<br>(For 5 years)     | Composition and environmental performance test     Preliminary assessment & Laboratory test     ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.7                                    | Conformance test*  Full test  ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.2  Performance test (optional – no certificate)  ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.2  Composition and environmental performance test (optional)  Preliminary assessment & Laboratory test  ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.8  | Conformance test*     Full test     ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.2      Performance test (optional – no certificate)     ICAR Guidelines reference: 10.2          |
| Device changes<br>during 5-year<br>certification | <ul> <li>Device Change Notification</li> <li>Test protocol based on device changes</li> <li>New product code</li> <li>New certificate for 5 years</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Conformance test</li> <li>Limited test</li> <li>New product code</li> <li>New certificate for 5 years</li> <li>ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.2</li> <li>Device Change Notification (for devices tested for composition and environmental performance)</li> <li>Test protocol based on device changes</li> <li>New product code</li> <li>New certificate for 5 years</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Conformance test</li> <li>Limited test</li> <li>New product code</li> <li>New certificate for 5 years</li> <li>ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.2</li> </ul> |

<sup>\*</sup> ICAR registers RFID devices in conformance with ISO11784 and ISO11785 in its capacity as the Registration Authority of ISO. The first time that a device is successfully tested conformance, it receives life-time registration. ICAR certification is an additional service and is valid for five years from the last day of issuance.

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|  |  | External (Ear tags, leg tags, tag attachments)  | Internal (Ruminal boluses, injectable transponders)   |
| Validation of certified devices (Voluntary service for National Competent Authorities and other field service users. | <ul> <li>Composition and environmental performance test</li> <li>Preliminary assessment</li> <li>ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.7</li> <li>Test of samples from local market stocks to verify they meet the original certification criteria.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Composition and environmental performance test</li> <li>Preliminary assessment</li> <li>ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.7</li> <li>Test of samples from local market stocks to verify they meet the original certification criteria.</li> </ul>  | Not applicable (service only for devices tested for composition and environmental performance)  |
| Re-certification (Upon expiry of 5- year certification)  | Composition and environmental performance test     Preliminary assessment     Same product code     ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.7  | <ul> <li>Conformance test</li> <li>Limited test</li> <li>Same product code</li> <li>ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.2</li> <li>Note: If the device was originally tested also for Performance, the information will be automatically maintained in the recertification.</li> <li>Composition and environmental performance test (optional)</li> <li>Preliminary assessment</li> <li>Same product code</li> <li>ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.8</li> </ul> | Conformance test     Limited test     Same product code     ICAR Guidelines ref: 10.2  Note: If the device was originally tested also for Performance, the information will be automatically maintained in the recertification. |
| New certification<br>(After 5-year<br>certification)   | Refer to First-time certification - New product code   | Refer to First-time certification - New product code  | Refer to First-time certification - New product code  |