

**Da:** Andie Dimitriadou - ICAR [<mailto:andie@icar.org>]

**Inviato:** 30 January 2017 13:13

**A:** Zviad Asanishvili

**Cc:** Lasha Avaliani; მაკა შუბლაძე; 'martin'; [elena@icar.org](mailto:elena@icar.org); Mikheil Sokhadze

**Oggetto:** R: Complications in small ruminants after identification with ear tags certified by ICAR

Dear Mr. Asanishvili,

Thank you for your reply and for your willingness to follow the Validation process offered by ICAR. Please note that the Field Validation test is a service for Competent Authorities to avail of, and all cost is to be paid upfront by the Competent Authorities (in this case the Georgian Ministry).

Please refer to the attached Protocol, in particular section 4 - Costs. Once you submit your application, you will receive the invoice to be paid before the test starts. Thank you very much.

Best regards,  
Andie

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**Da:** Zviad Asanishvili [<mailto:zviad.asanishvili@nfa.gov.ge>]

**Inviato:** 26 January 2017 12:09

**A:** Andie Dimitriadou - ICAR

**Cc:** Lasha Avaliani; მაკა შუბლაძე; 'martin'; [elena@icar.org](mailto:elena@icar.org); Mikheil Sokhadze

**Oggetto:** RE: Complications in small ruminants after identification with ear tags certified by ICAR

Dear Martin, dear Andie,

We are happy to hear that you support our position regarding this precarious situation and express our readiness to gather all the relevant samples from the market and, as per your letter, also fill in, sign and send you the application shortly. If we understood correctly, all the appropriate sample materials, acquired from the market, shall undergo a laboratory examination at the accredited institution of your choosing, costs of which shall be fully and unconditionally borne by the ICAR and thus will not require any further involvement from our side. Considering the abovementioned, we shall prepare our case and after submitting the application, forward the samples immediately to the specified location.

Respectfully,

**Zviad Asanishvili, DVM**

**LEPL National Food Agency  
Ministry of Agriculture of Georgia  
Head of the Animal Registration and Identification Division  
Veterinary Department**

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**From:** Andie Dimitriadou - ICAR [<mailto:andie@icar.org>]

**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2017 16:17

**To:** Zviad Asanishvili

**Cc:** Lasha Avaliani; მაკა შუბლაძე; 'martin'; [elena@icar.org](mailto:elena@icar.org)

**Subject:** R: Complications in small ruminants after identification with ear tags certified by ICAR

Dear Mr. Asanishvili,

Please find attached the email I had sent you with the application form and the protocol for the Field Validation, as well as the relevant information. Kindly fill in, sign and return to me the application forms (one for each test) and I will provide the information about where to send the samples.

If you have further questions, please let me know.

Thank you.

Best regards,  
Andie

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**Da:** martin [<mailto:martin@icar.org>]

**Inviato:** 20 January 2017 13:12

**A:** Zviad Asanishvili; Andie Dimitriadou - ICAR

**Cc:** Lasha Avaliani; მაკა შუბლაძე

**Oggetto:** RE: Complications in small ruminants after identification with ear tags certified by ICAR

Dear Zviad,

ICAR fully supports this position and recommends the Georgian Ministry to immediately sample products from the field for Validation test as per ICAR guidelines. A key aspect of the sampling process is that the Ministry should be the ones to select the samples and NOT the manufacturer to ensure representative and fair sampling.

Our Andie Dimitriadou will send on the relevant application forms to you immediately.

Action then will be taken as required once we have the results/evidence of these independent ICAR Validation results.

Regards  
Martin

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-----Original Message-----

From: Zviad Asanishvili <[zviad.asanishvili@nfa.gov.ge](mailto:zviad.asanishvili@nfa.gov.ge)>

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Date: Fri, 20 Jan 2017 06:01:28 +0000

Subject: RE: Complications in small ruminants after identification with ear tags certified by ICAR

Dear Andie,  
Please, see the attached letter by Zurab Chekurashvili.  
Best Regards,

**Zviad Asanishvili, DVM**

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**From:** Andie Dimitriadou - ICAR [\[mailto:andie@icar.org\]](mailto:andie@icar.org)

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 21, 2016 18:44

**To:** Zviad Asanishvili

**Cc:** Lasha Avaliani; [martin@icar.org](mailto:martin@icar.org)

**Subject:** R: Complications in small ruminants after identification with ear tags certified by ICAR

Dear Mr. Asanishvili,

With regard to your queries, please see below:

1. ICAR can cover the mechanical characteristics and those chemical parameters important for a later material change detection, but ICAR cannot cover material compatibility with regard to allergenic effects. The relevant authority in Georgia needs to come back to the manufacturers and demand disclosure of the material composition and prove of skin compatibility by an assigned veterinarian authority/laboratory.
2. ICAR tests are conducted in the laboratory, not out on the field.
3. None of the companies had delivered their material safety data sheets as it is not mandatory.
4. The applications for each test must be separate but you will receive a unique invoice covering both.

One other point that Mr. Martin Burke asked me to make is to suggest to you that a possible cause of the necrotic ring of tissue around the tags may not be due to the material but instead could be due to an over exertion of force in application of the tag, which could result in the tag plastic forced right up (flush) against the damaged skin, creating a near anaerobic micro-climate in which bacteria could thrive. This is just a suggestion and I am sure you have investigated this.

Please let me know if you need further information. Thank you.

Best regards,

Andie



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