



## THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR LIVESTOCK DATA

Place Rome  
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Subject **Use of 999 ID code for programming transponders**

To whom it may concern:

The International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR), in its capacity as the Registration Authority (RA) appointed by ISO<sup>1</sup> for registering manufacturer codes used in the radio frequency identification (RFID) of animals in accordance with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785<sup>2</sup>, informs that:

- **The ID code 999 must be used exclusively for sample transponders, used for conformance/performance testing in the context of ISO 24631.**
- **It is not allowed to identify animals with a 999-coded transponder.**
- **Commercial use of 999-coded transponders is also not allowed. In case of promotional samples, the 999 code can be used only for unsterilized transponders and it must be explicitly stated on the packaging.**

Any cases of misuse of the 999 code must be reported to ICAR. To report a misuse case, please fill in the form [here](#) and send it to [andie@icar.org](mailto:andie@icar.org). Please contact us for any questions or doubts.

Best regards,

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<sup>1</sup> In 2007, ISO appointed ICAR as the Registration Authority (RA) competent to register manufacturer codes used in the radio frequency identification (RFID) of animals in accordance with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785.

<sup>2</sup> ISO 11784 defines code structure for Radio frequency identification devices for animals while ISO 11785 describes the Technical Concept for these RFIDs.

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