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Subject Wrong animal bit in ICAR-certified injectable transponders with product code

900197

To whom it may concern:

The International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR), in its capacity as the Registration Authority (RA) appointed by ISO¹ for registering manufacturer codes used in the radio frequency identification (RFID) of animals in accordance with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785², informs that ICAR-certified injectable transponders in the ID code range 900.113.000.000.000 - 900.113.002.999.999 (product code 900197) have been found on the market with the animal bit set to '0' (non-animal application). This constitutes a contravention of ISO Standards 11784 and 11785 and of the Code of Conduct that manufacturers sign when they have their devices registered by ICAR. All registered devices must have the animal bit set to '1', thus indicating animal application.

Transponders in the above-mentioned code range have been sold in the following countries:

- Chile
- Italy
- Pakistan
- Russia
- Spain
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- USA

The fact has been confirmed by the manufacturer.

We would like to alert customers and Competent Authorities to report back to ICAR if transponders with the animal bit set to 0 are found on the market. Thank you.

Best regards

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¹ 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.

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