



## THE GLOBAL STANDARD FOR LIVESTOCK DATA

Place            Utrecht  
Date             16 June 2022  
Subject         Misuse of ID Code

*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>, would like to alert regarding the distribution on the market of RFID ear tags produced by a Chinese company, claiming to be ICAR-certified, and programmed with the invalid code 000. If such programmed devices are used for the official identification of animals, this must be reported to ICAR and/or to the concerned national competent authorities. ICAR-certified devices are allocated shared (900) or unshared (from 901 to 998) manufacturer codes. These codes, or the 3-digit ISO 3166 country codes, must be used for the electronic identity of each individual animal.

The misuse of manufacturer codes can lead to duplication of ID codes and must be reported to ICAR. To report a misuse case, please fill in the form [here](#) and send it to Mrs. Andie Dimitriadou at [andie@icar.org](mailto:andie@icar.org).

In addition, high attention is recommended to the circulation of replicas of ICAR-certified devices on the market. Please refer only to the [ICAR website](#) for all registered RFID devices and their respective manufacturer/product codes. For any questions or doubts, please contact us.

Best regards,

Martin Burke

ICAR Chief Executive

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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.