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World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Exhibitor:

World Dairy Expo is updating changes previously implemented to their dairy cattle health check-in process. In an effort to strengthen event biosecurity and in accordance with the new USDA Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rule, exhibitors bringing cattle to World Dairy Expo **must have an accepted WDE-defined ID tag** present in the animal's ear upon entering the grounds. Due to this rule change, some forms of identification you have relied on in the past such as registration numbers and breed tattoos, will no longer be official for interstate transport. Beginning March 11, 2013, official ID tag numbers must be listed on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for interstate transport. At the March 4, 2013 WDE Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Committee meeting action was taken to require **all cattle**, including those from Wisconsin, to meet the same World Dairy Expo health check-in identification standard. An additional update was presented at the March 2, 2015 WDE Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Committee meeting further defining acceptable tag identification for WDE.

The following ID tags will be **accepted by World Dairy Expo for health check-in starting in 2015**:

- A Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) Radio Frequency Identification Device (**RFID**) tag
  (for example **124** 000299999999)   *15 digit number starting with **124***
- A USDA 840 Animal Identification Number (AIN) **RFID** tag
  (for example **840** 003007863940)   *15 digit number starting with **840***
- A USDA 840 Animal Identification Number (AIN) **Visual** tag
  (for example **840** 003123456789)   *15 digit number starting with **840***
- *A manufacturer coded tamper evident **RFID** tag
  (for example **982** 000125645841)   *15 digit number starting with **900, 982 or 985** only*
  NOTE: Manufacturer coded RFID tags were discontinued as official ID by USDA starting in 2015. However, tags applied before March 11, 2015 will be recognized for the life of the animal.

We recommend that USA exhibitors with cattle that do not have one of the above 15 digit number accepted ID tags visit with an approved 840 AIN tag distributor to secure 840 AIN **RFID** tags. All breed associations can provide you with 840 AIN ID tags.

ID tags or alternate ID methods that will **NOT be accepted by World Dairy Expo for health check-in**:

- Animals with **only** USDA National Uniform Eartag System (NUES) metal ear tag number
  (for example 35ABC1234)   *9 character ID*
- Animals with **only** American ID tag(s)
  (for example USA 60068210)   *8 – 12 digit number starting with USA*
- Any other ID tag not listed in the accepted section
- Tattoos, freeze brands, photo or sketch with breed registration numbers

If you are an exhibitor from the USA and have not registered your premises with your state Department of Agriculture, you must do so **before** ordering 840 tags.

Please use the enclosed Identification Methods - 2013 graphic flyer as a reference. Visit the Dairy Cattle Show page at www.worlddairyexpo.com for additional information. Please call if you have questions or comments, 608-224-6455.

Sincerely,

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