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## NLIS Cattle Property to Property Transfers

Under the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) Cattle, cattle movements between properties with different property identification codes (PICs) must be reported to the NLIS database.

Animal movements that need to be reported to the NLIS database include:

- moving cattle between your own properties, if those properties have different PICs
- buying cattle privately
- moving cattle to and from leased property
- moving cattle to and from agistment properties

Producers with more than one property may consider amalgamating those properties under a single PIC if they are managed as a single entity. While amalgamating properties may eliminate the need to notify the NLIS database of property to property movements, it may result in quarantine for all properties in the event of a disease or residue incident. Consult PIRSA regarding management of PICs.

### What information is required for the NLIS database?

The following information is required to inform the database of a property-to-property transfer:

- NLIS or Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) tag number of each animal being transferred
- PIC of the property that the animals are moving from
- PIC of the property that the animals are moving to
- National Vendor Declaration (NVD) serial number (if applicable)
- Transfer date.

Property-to-property transfers in South Australia need to be reported within seven (7) days of the movement. Either party may report the transfer to the database, but the receiver is legally responsible for ensuring that the transfer is reported.

The NLIS database will notify both parties, by email only, when a property-to-property transfer has been recorded.



Detail of the 16 character NLIS ID number, which is unique to each animal. 'SA123456' is the property identification code, where 'S' stands for South Australia; 'L' is the manufacturer's code; next is the device type, here 'B' is for breeder tag, next is the code for year of manufacture, here 'Z' is for 2004, and the last 5 digits ('00006') are the unique serial number of the animal.

### How can transfers be reported to the database?

Several options are available for reporting transfers, depending on the facilities and equipment available to each producer.

1. Sending the information electronically using an NLIS database account
2. Authorising a third party to conduct an electronic transfer
3. Completing a 'Form A' livestock movement form and submitting by fax or mail.

## **Sending the information electronically using an NLIS database account.**

An account can be set up at [www.nlis.com.au](http://www.nlis.com.au) and information can be entered in the form of:

- NLIS numbers recorded visually and entered manually on the database
- manual selection of NLIS numbers from a list of numbers provided by the database
- a transfer file of RFID numbers recorded electronically with a reader and downloaded to a computer.

Many brands of mobile and yard panel readers, scales and associated computer software are available. Producers can check the data collecting and transferring capability and compatibility of equipment by contacting manufacturers directly or looking at the NLIS website ([www.nlis.com.au](http://www.nlis.com.au)).

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Authorising a third party to conduct the electronic transfer. Third-party access forms can be accessed from the NLIS website or database service (**1800 654 743**). The third party will require an NLIS user account and will have access to the PICs specified in the application for authorisation.

Completing a 'Form A' livestock movement form and submitting by fax or mail. Forms can be obtained by contacting the NLIS database service on **1800 654 743** or at [www.nlis.com.au](http://www.nlis.com.au)

Completed forms can be faxed to MLA on 02 9463 9136 or mailed to NLIS helpdesk, MLA Locked Bag 991, North Sydney, NSW, 2059. Paper-based recording is limited to 20 animals per transfer and may be subject to a user fee.

