



Non-840 official ID ear tags for certain imported cattle and bison

What are they?

- USDA approved Half Duplex (HDX) Low Frequency RFID button ear tags made by Datamars.



Why are they needed?

- Per [9 CFR 86.1](#), the Animal Identification Number (AIN) beginning with the 840 prefix may **NOT** be applied to animals known to have been born outside the United States. National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES) numbered tags have been used for imported cattle and bison that lost their country's official ID and needed official identification. However, when the new ADT rule is implemented on November 5, 2024, NUES tags will not be an option for official identification. These tags offer a solution.

When should they be used?

- The tags should only be used to identify imported cattle and bison that lost their country's official ID **and** need official identification.

How are they different from other official RFID ear tags?

- The 15-digit tag numbers start with the manufacturer's code, 964, instead of the 840 prefixes.
- They are lime green and blue.
- "IMP" for import is printed next to the U.S. shield.

How are they ordered?

- State animal health officials may request tags through their Area Veterinarian In Charge's (AVIC's) office. The AVIC's office will then submit a Tag Request Form to traceability@usda.gov.
- The minimum order is a case of 1,000 tags which may be adequate for your state. All order amounts will be reviewed and approved by ADT staff during the initial order period. Orders will be shipped from the Kansas City warehouse to State animal health officials.
- State animal health officials are responsible for entering further tag shipments into the Animal Identification Number Management System (AIMS).
- Recordkeeping requirements in [9 CFR 86.3](#) must be followed.

Questions? Please contact traceability@usda.gov.