ADGA SUPPLEMENTAL ID POLICY – A GUIDELINE

Please refer to the 2017 Board Actions for the full text of this policy

Effective January 1, 2018 the use of Electronic Identification (EID) is acceptable as “supplemental ID” for all ADGA programs in the following circumstances:

IF: The primary ID (tattoos that match those listed on the registration certificate) is apparent, but not fully readable.

AND: An approved microchip(s), located in the approved site, is listed on the registration certificate. The owner must provide the reader and the EID number must match the numbers listed on the registration certificate exactly. Special characters, spaces, etc. can be ignored.

VALID ID FOR USE

- Tattoo and an EID appear on the certificate
- Tattoo is illegible, but an EID matches what is listed on the registration certificate
- EID numbers match exactly. Special characters, spaces, etc. can be ignored
- Herd tattoo is legible in the listed location and there is nothing else located
- Multiple EID are detected and all on the registration certificate
- Were applied but are faded and no longer legible

NOT VALID FOR USE

- Two EID's and only one is on the certificate
- Re-implant is indicated but not detected
- EIDs do not match what is on the certificate
- No tattoo at all
- Tattoo is incorrect
- Re-tattooed but not listed as such on the registration certificate
- EID is in a location not allowable on animals born after March 11, 2015

EID FOR SUPPLEMENTAL USE AS IN ADGA PROGRAMS ARE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING

- EID for animals born after March 11, 2015 must have the "840" style microchip;
- EID applied on animals born between March 11, 2014 and March 11, 2015 must comply with ISO 11784/11785 and can have 840 or a manufacturer code 15 digit EID;
- Goats born before the dates above will be considered “grandfathered” and ADGA will accept earlier types and locations of EID, as long as they are unique.

The 840 and ISO requirements listed in this document are those required by the National Scrapie Eradication Program for goats.
ALLOWABLE EID LOCATIONS

EIDs are also known as microchips and should be applied according to manufacturer’s instruction. The implant must be placed in a site allowed by the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) and in accordance with any applicable Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

Allowed EID application sites are subcutaneous placement at the underside of tail or base of ear between the skin and the cartilage near where the ear meets the head.

FDA considers EIDs to be unapproved food additives. If an animal that has been implanted is sent to slaughter, the Food Safety Inspection Service inspector should be notified of the presence and location of microchip device prior to slaughter so that it can be removed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended by USDA/APHIS that EID be applied at the same time as the tattoos. If applying either implant or tattoo at a later date than 1st method of ID is applied, extreme care should be taken that the correct tattoo or EID number be assigned the animal.

REFERENCES:  https://go.adga.org/2zmpQYt