

02 NCAC 52L .0112 ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

(a) Animal Identification Required.

- (1) Licensees shall identify all susceptible species of farmed cervid in accordance with the USDA Standards and 9 C.F.R. 55.25.
- (2) Susceptible species of farmed cervid born within a licensed facility shall be officially identified on or before 12 months of age. Fawns and calves of susceptible species shall be deemed a year old for purposes of the rules in this Subchapter and shall be officially identified by the first July 1 following their birth, unless the farmed cervid licensee maintains a record of the month and year the calf or fawn was born.
- (3) All farmed cervids shall be officially identified before being transported.
- (4) All susceptible species of farmed cervids shall be identified and included in the inventory report and records as required by 02 NCAC 52L .0104(b) and 02 NCAC 52L .0109(a).

(b) Application for Animal Identification Tags.

- (1) Applicants may request animal identification tags from the Veterinary Division using a form provided by the Veterinary Division, which can be obtained by calling (919) 707-3250 or by emailing farmedcervid@ncagr.gov, by providing the following information:
 - (A) the applicant's name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address;
 - (B) the licensed facility name, address, and national premises identification number;
 - (C) the farmed cervid license number; and
 - (D) the species, sex, and birth year of the farmed cervids.
- (2) The application shall be accompanied by a statement from the licensee verifying that the information provided is accurate.
- (3) The Veterinary Division may provide animal identification tags, based on availability of supplies, upon receipt of the completed application.

(c) Replacement of Animal Identification Tags.

- (1) **Lost Tags.** The loss of a tag shall be reported to the Veterinary Division by the licensee.
- (2) **Unusable Tags.** Tags that cannot be affixed to the ear of a farmed cervid or unreadable because of malformation or damage to the tags shall be reported to the Veterinary Division by the licensee.
- (3) Licensees may request replacement tags using the same form as provided pursuant to Paragraph (b) of this Rule and shall include the information required by Paragraph (b) of this Rule. The Department may provide replacement tags, based on availability of supplies, upon receipt of the application.
- (4) Licensees shall update their records to reflect any replacement of tags and notify the Veterinary Division of the update when submitting records during the license renewal period.
- (5) If an animal identification is lost for any reason, the licensee shall comply with the identification requirements as soon as possible, but no later than the next annual inspection or prior to transport, whichever is earlier.

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