

**Electronic ID Tags: Manufacturer Coded (982) Tags vs. USDA Approved USA Country Coded (840) Tags**

There is much discussion in the market place about Electronic Identification tags and their use for both management purposes as well as for compliance with the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). This Distribution Discussion Brief outlines some key points to help decide which Allflex product is right for your customers.



**Allflex Manufacturer Coded (982) Electronic ID Tags**

“982” or manufacturer coded tags are marketed worldwide by Allflex in countries that do not have an official requirement for a country coded tag – the United States is one of those markets where there is not a governmental mandate for producers to use official, country coded tags. “982” tags comply with current requirements of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) and is also recognized by USDA as an Official Animal ID device. Under current NAIS rules, producers can upload these “982” tag numbers into a qualified database to enroll their animals into the voluntary NAIS traceability program – Allflex customers currently have millions of tags recorded in value added databases that may fulfill this function while also being an important management tool for recording key animal management data for livestock producers.



**Allflex USDA Approved USA Country Coded (840) Electronic ID Tags**

“840” signifies that animals with these tags have been tagged in the USA. “840” country coded tags are produced and distributed only in the US market by Allflex and other manufacturers whom have received USDA approval. These tags must be delivered to official USDA-registered premises and the numbers are held in an approved NAIS database. “840” tags comply with the requirements of the National Animal Identification System as both a visual identifier and a supplemental identification device (using ISO-compliant Electronic ID). As the NAIS system continues to develop, it is expected that “840” tags will increasingly be a requirement for participation in federal or state programs – examples to date include the federal Scrapies Eradication program, the Michigan Tuberculosis Eradication program and the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium Animal ID Cost Share Program.