

AIN Tag Managers/Resellers Nomination & Approval Process **USDA Approved Electronic Identification Tags (AIN Tags)**

For Allflex to nominate your organization/company as an authorized AIN Tag Manager/Reseller, you must apply for approval with the USDA. The prerequisite for applying involves registering for a Nonproducer participant number (NPN) and obtaining a Level 2 USDA eAuthentication account. You must complete the following steps in accordance with protocol.

1. Obtain a Nonproducer Participant Number (NPN)

- Your organization/company can establish one NPN for your entire organization/company or individually by branch/location; however, Allflex recommends that if your organization/company has multiple locations, an NPN number is established for each branch/location.
- Allflex also suggests that if your organization/company has an established individual account with Allflex, Allflex recommends that these accounts become AIN Managers.
- To receive your NPN, contact your premises registration system in the State in which your organization/business is located. Information on each State is provided on the NAIS Web site at http://animalid.aphis.usda.gov/nais/premises_id/register.shtml.

2. Create an eAuthentication Account to access the USDA AIN Management System

- An on-line identity verification system, known as eAuthentication, is needed to gain access to the AIN Management System.
- To obtain a Level 2 eAuthentication account visit www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/eauthCreateAccount.html. A Level 2 eAuthentication account provides authorized users with specific roles to access the AIN Management System and provides the ability to conduct electronic business transactions such as submitting forms electronically, completing surveys online, and checking the status of your USDA accounts.
- Currently, USDA offers Accounts with Level 1 Access and accounts with Level 2 Access. For companies/individuals wishing to distribute AIN tags, you must obtain Level 2 Access. (Level 1 is optional)
- To obtain a Level 2 Account, you must complete an online account profile at www.eauth.egov.usda.gov/, and then visit the nearest USDA Service Center (Farm Service Agency) in person and prove your identity with a current State Driver's License, State Photo ID, US Passport or US Military ID (Request a Level 2 Account). To help locate the nearest FSA office or USDA Service Center visit <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>. Please note that if you do not confirm your e-mail within the seven (7) day period, you will have to start the registration process over again by creating another profile, with a new User ID.

3. Create an AIN Management Application User Account

- Login to the AIN Management application online at <http://nais.aphis.usda.gov/ainmngt/>.
- Click "login" and enter your eAuthentication ID and password.
- Enter your seven digit NPN number. The system will then prompt you to enter your contact information and then click submit. This will associate your eAuthentication account with your AIN Management account. You now have an account, but it is likely not enabled. (See Step 4)

4. Complete the USDA knowledge-based quiz

- Go to <http://nais.aphis.usda.gov/ainmngt/> and then click on "help" to read the AIN

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Manager User Guide provided by USDA and complete the required online knowledge-based "worksheet"/quiz. A passing grade will result in your AIN Manager account being elevated to "active."

- If you do not achieve passing, please try again until you achieve an acceptable score.
- USDA APHIS should send you an e-mail confirmation once your account is activated.

5. Request a marketing "nominating" agreement with an AIN Tag

Manufacturer – Allflex USA

- Contact your Allflex Regional Manager with your nominee company name, NPN, city, state, zip code, phone number and e-mail address OR submit your information via e-mail to Allflex at ain@allflexusa.com.
- Allflex will send you an e-mail notifying you that your nomination has been submitted to the USDA as an approved AIN Tag Manager.
- Accept your AIN Tag Manager/Reseller nomination at USDA's online management system located on the NAIS Web site at <http://nais.aphis.usda.gov/ainmngt/>.

6. Accept your AIN tag nomination from – Allflex USA

- Once you have been nominated by Allflex, you can log on to the AIN Management System and accept the nomination and enable the relationship with Allflex.
- When the AIN Manager terms and conditions are displayed, accept the terms and agreements.
- Your acceptance will serve as a formal agreement between you and USDA.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS:

Premises – any geographically unique location in which agricultural animals are raised, held, or boarded. Farms, ranches, feedyards, auction barns, and livestock exhibitions and fair sites are all examples of premises.

PIN – Premises Identification Number – a nationally unique number. USDA will assign one permanent number to each premises (location) involved in animal agriculture. The premises number will not change when a property is sold. Premises identification numbers contain seven alphanumeric characters. Example: A123R69

NPN – Nonproducer Participant Number – assigned to those entities that are not involved in the NAIS but do not manage or hold livestock. These types of entities include breed registries, service providers, Tag Manufacturers, Tag Managers/Resellers, veterinarians and others. These entities are required to have an official NPN in order to participate in any aspect of NAIS. NPNs contain seven alphanumeric characters. Example: H892345.

AIN – Animal Identification Number - Individual animals identified in the NAIS are assigned a unique Animal Identification Number (AIN). The AIN consists of 15 digits, with the first 3 being the country code (840 for the United States). This 15 digit number (AIN) is imprinted on the ear tag. Ear tags using the AIN are referred to as AIN tags.

AIN Tag Managers - are individuals, organizations, or companies that provide AIN tags to another AIN tag Manager or Reseller, or to a premises. The AIN Tag Manager must have an AIN tag distribution agreement with an AIN Tag Manufacturer(s)

AIN Tag Reseller - assumes the same responsibility as an AIN Tag Manager, validating PINS and reporting the distribution of the AIN tags he or she ships or delivers to a premises, EXCEPT, the Reseller has a marketing agreement with an AIN Tag Manager (Resellers must be nominated by Tag Managers)

Information retrieved from the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Web site @ <http://www.usda.gov/nais> and NAIS Administration of Official Devices with the Animal Identification Number, (2006, February 23).