

Approved AIN Tag Managers/Resellers Order Options

Validate Premises Identification Number (PIN)/Nonproducer Participant Numbers (NPN)

According to the type of protocol your organization/company chooses to follow when fulfilling and shipping orders, the following three options outline the steps necessary to report Animal Identification Numbers (AINs) to the USDA.

OPTION #1 – Tag Manager/Reseller submits AINs (tag order) to Allflex

- Approved AIN Tag Manager/Reseller validates customer's PIN or NPN
- Submit purchase order to Allflex which include PIN or NPNs
- Allflex receives AINs from USDA
- Allflex sends AINs to Tag Manager/Reseller and reports the distribution of those numbers to the USDA
- Allflex will send confirmation of the AINs to the Tag Manager/Reseller notifying of the shipment. If an AIN Tag Manager generates the order from the AIN Tag Reseller, the confirmation will be sent to the manager.
- Allflex will invoice the Tag Manager/Reseller at the time of shipment.
- Note: From this point forward, it is now the responsibility of the Tag Manager/Reseller to report the AIN movement to the point of premise or entity with a PIN or NPN.
- When the AINs are shipped, you must report the AINs, along with a valid PIN/NPN to the USDA.

OPTION #2 - Tag Manager/Reseller submits AINs for drop shipment to a premise or entity with a PIN or NPN

- Approved AIN Tag Manager/Reseller validates customer's PIN or NPN
- Submit purchase order to Allflex which include PIN or NPNs
- Allflex receives AINs from USDA
- Allflex drop ships AINs to a premise or entity with a PIN or NPN
- Allflex reports movement of the AINs to USDA and sends confirmation of the AINs to the AIN Tag Manager.
- Allflex will invoice the Tag Manager/Reseller at the time of shipment.

OPTION #3 – Non AIN Tag Manager/Reseller request AINs from Allflex

- Allflex validates PIN or NPN of customer
(Validation fee of \$10 per order to Non AIN tag manager/reseller)
- Submit purchase order to Allflex which include PIN or NPNs
- Allflex receives AINs from USDA
- Allflex drop ships AINs to a premise or entity with a PIN or NPN
- Allflex reports movement of the AINs to USDA
- Allflex will invoice the Tag Manager/Reseller at the time of shipment.

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)