

# CALF REARERS' FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you are rearing calves it is essential that all calf movements on and off-farm are recorded and confirmed in the NAIT online system.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN BUYING CALVES OR RECEIVING THEM ON-FARM?

1. Confirm with the sender that the calves have been correctly tagged and are registered in the NAIT online system.
2. Ask the sender for an Animal Status Declaration form (ASD). This form should be exchanged with the animals at the sale.
3. When the calves arrive, read their NAIT tag numbers visually, or electronically with a scanner. You will need this information to record and confirm a movement in your NAIT account.
4. Record a receiving movement in your NAIT account.

## WHY DO I NEED AN ASD FORM?

This form provides vital information about the sender's NAIT location number, animal stock type, herd number and birthplace. A completed ASD form also informs you on whether the animal has come from a TB Movement Control Area (MCA) or been previously under MPI movement restrictions - this supports livestock disease management.

## WHAT IF I'M OFFERED CALVES THAT AREN'T TAGGED?

OSPRI recommends you never accept untagged calves on farm. If a seller offers to provide you with loose tags to tag the animals yourself, remind them it is illegal to move untagged and unregistered animals to a different NAIT location.

If you unintentionally receive calves that are untagged, you must let the OSPRI contact centre know.

You then have two options;

1. Use your own NAIT tags to tag the animals yourself and register the animals online in your NAIT account. You must also record a receiving movement.
2. Immediately arrange to return the calves to the farm you received them from. We recommend that you keep them separate from all other livestock on your property.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR RECORDING THE MOVEMENT IN NAIT?

As the receiver of the calves, you must record a receiving movement. Do this within 48 hours of the date the calves arrived. The seller/sender must also record a sending movement within 48 hours of the date that the calves were sent.

If the sender records the movement first or if you receive the calves from a saleyard, there will be an 'action required' movement in your NAIT account. If the details are correct, then you can confirm the movement.

Confirm action required movements within 48 hours of the date the calves arrived. You can change the date to reflect the actual day the calves arrived.

## WHAT IF THE SENDER DOESN'T RECORD THE NAIT MOVEMENT?

Don't wait for the sender to fulfil your obligations. As the receiver of the calves, you must record a receiving movement within 48 hours of the date they arrived. This is why it is important to read the tag numbers when the animals arrive.

If the sender doesn't create a movement in the NAIT online system, they may be subject to a fine or enforcement action. If you create your receiving movement, the sender's inaction will have no impact on you.

### **WHAT IF THE SENDER'S NAIT MOVEMENT IS INCORRECT?**

You can reject (or partially reject) a movement if the tag numbers or details are incorrect. You must then record a receiving movement with the correct details. If you need, you can change the date to reflect the actual day the animals arrived on your property.

### **I'VE JUST PURCHASED 50 CALVES FROM THREE DIFFERENT FARMERS, AND I DON'T KNOW WHICH ANIMAL CAME FROM EACH FARM.**

There are a couple of ways to identify this information;

1. If you can read the calf tags visually, the NAIT location number or dairy participant code of the farm of birth will be printed on the front of the NAIT tag.
2. In your NAIT account click 'view reports' and request a 'Current NAIT Location of Animals' Report. Enter the tag numbers (scanned or read visually) and you will be provided with the NAIT location number the animals are currently registered to.

You can match this up with the ASD forms that you have received to identify where each animal came from. If you get really stuck, call the OSPRI contact centre for help. You'll need to provide us with the tag numbers of the calves and information about the farms you received them from.

### **I BOUGHT DAIRY CALVES BUT PLAN TO FINISH THEM AS BEEF ANIMALS - WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?**

Your NAIT list of registered animals will display the production type next to each animal. If you need to change the production type, you can select an animal (or group of animals) in your account and update their production type from dairy to beef. To ensure you are paying the correct TB levy at slaughter, this must be done 62 days before the animal moves to the works. If you don't update the animal before then - you will be charged the dairy industry levy.

### **WHAT IF A CALF LOSES A TAG?**

Use a replacement NAIT tag to tag the calf as soon as possible (before it moves off your property). If you do know the animal's original tag number, search for it in your NAIT account and record a "replace tag".

If you don't know the original tag number, you must register the animal again with its new tag number.

You can buy replacement NAIT tags from any farm supply store.

### **WHAT IF I'M SENDING CALVES TO ANOTHER FARMER?**

You must record a sending movement. Do this within 48 hours of the date the calves left your farm.

You will need to know the tag numbers of the calves, the NAIT location number at the place they have moved to, and the date they were sent.

### **I'M SENDING MY ANIMALS TO A SALEYARD/MEAT PROCESSOR, WILL THEY COMPLETE NAIT MOVEMENTS ON MY BEHALF?**

Yes, they will. Your animals must be tagged and registered before they are moved off-farm.

### **WHAT IF ONE OF THE CALVES DIES?**

You must select the animal's tag number from your registered animals' list in your NAIT account and update the animal details to record that it is dead.

### **I'M REARING CALVES ON A BLOCK OF LAND MY NEIGHBOUR HAS. DO I NEED TO RECORD THE NAIT MOVEMENT FROM MY FARM?**

If you are the person in charge of animals (PICA), and your main farm and leased block are registered as one NAIT location, then you don't have to record a movement. However, if the neighbouring block has a different NAIT location number from your main farm you must create a movement.



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