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Approved Tagging Site Agreement

Name of Facility		Premises ID	
Physical Address	City	State	Zip Code
Office Phone Number	Cell Phone Number	Fax Number	

I, _____ (owner/manager), of _____
(name of facility) hereby agree to maintain the above mentioned tagging site and administer the tagging of livestock in accordance with all of the following:

1. Accept cattle only from farm of origin. "Farm of origin" is defined as a premises where a group of animals have been established as a herd for more than four (4) months (Title 3, CCR Section 830). When cattle are assembled from multiple locations prior to being shipped to California, the official identification must correlate to the origin of the cattle prior to being assembled.
2. Obtain official identification eartags only from State or federal animal health officials.
3. Unload animals only when the owner or the person in possession, care, or control of the animals when brought to the tagging site agrees to have the animals officially identified in accordance with approved tagging site protocols.
4. Officially identify all animals in accordance with Title 3, CCR Article 14 and 9 CFR Part 86, including:
 - a. Apply official eartags to animals before commingling with animals from different premises; use a backtag or another method to accurately maintain the animal's identity until the official eartag is applied. Official identification must correlate to the person responsible for shipping the animal.
 - b. Apply official eartags only to animals not already officially identified except as provided in Title 3, CCR section 831.2(b) and 9 CFR Part 86.4(c).
 - c. Remove and/or replace official identification devices in accordance with Title 3, CCR Section 831.2(c) and (d) and 9 CFR Part 86.4(d) and (e).
5. Maintain tagging records which, at minimum, include:
 - a. Name and address of the owner or person responsible for the animals tagged.
 - b. Official identification numbers of the tags applied.
 - c. Date the official identification eartags were applied.
6. Allow the Department and/or USDA to review all records upon request.

7. Ensure the security of unused official eartags and tagging records by:
 - a. Maintaining a record of all official identification eartags received and applied at the tagging site for a minimum of five (5) years.
 - b. Keeping the inventory of unused tags and records in a secure place, accessible only to authorized personnel.
 - c. Immediately reporting any lost or stolen tags to the appropriate State or federal animal health officials.

State and federal animal health officials agree to:

- Oversee the administration of tagging sites in their geographic area.
- Provide tagging sites with an adequate supply of official eartags.
- Keep a record of official eartags provided to tagging sites.
- Provide education and oversight of the distribution record system and inventory control through the normal review process.

Terms of Agreement

Failure to comply with the provisions of this agreement may result in the Department's termination of this agreement and/or refusal to accept any new or renewal agreements for the Approved Tagging Site. This agreement is valid until December 31 of the 2nd calendar year. Renewal of an existing Approved Tagging Site Agreement is required on or before December 1 in the year the current agreement expires.

Signatures

Printed Name and Signature of Tagging Site Owner or Manager Date

Printed Name and Signature of Animal Health Branch District Official Date

Printed Name and Signature of USDA, APHIS, VS Official Date

Printed Name and Signature of Animal Health Branch Headquarters Official Date