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Dear Mr Milne

Livestock SA wishes to express its disappointment with the recent decision rejecting the adoption of the three-hole punch earmark to indicate that cattle have been treated with long-acting trade sensitive vaccines or drugs.

We believe the use of the three-hole punch as a means of identifying such treated cattle plays an important on-farm management role. It allows producers to identify cattle that have been treated with long-acting trade sensitive vaccines or drugs; it allows those cattle to be drafted off and marketed differently. This is a market assurance activity that is both practical and sensible.

By drafting off cattle with the three-hole earmark they are then able to record their identity on the NVD and thus ultimately having this information recorded on the NLIS database; thus ensuring treated cattle do not compromise current market assurance guidelines.

Consequently Livestock SA requests that the three-hole punch be used to identify cattle that have been treated with long acting trade sensitive vaccines or drugs.

Yours sincerely

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