

Upon Sale of a Property – NT Brand/s & PICs

In the first instance, we would suggest conducting a search to confirm what NT Brands are registered for use on the property/parcel of land. You can do this yourself by using the **NT Brands Register** search - <http://brand.primaryindustry.nt.gov.au/> or you can request LISA do a search for you by completing the **NT Brands Register - Search Request** form and paying a fee, located on our website.

Sale of a property – Brands

While the sale of a property may include the stock, the brand cannot be sold to the new owners.

1. If an agreement is made in the sale contract to transfer the brand to the new owners, an application to *Transfer Brand* must be lodged with the Registrar.

or

2. If the registered owner of the brand no longer wishes to use the brand, it may be cancelled. An Application for *Cancellation of Brand* must be lodged with the Registrar.

or

3. If registered owner of the brand wishes to keep the brand, but move it to a new property, a *Request to Change of Run* must be lodged with the Registrar, together with original certificate/s for amending. If not registered owner of new property, *Owners Permission to Use Run* form is required and must be lodged with the Registrar.

or

4. If other brands are registered for use on property/parcel of land, then the new property/land owner/s will need to complete *Owners Permission to Use Run* form, and lodge with the Registrar.

or

5. If the new owner of the land does not want to have other brands registered for use on their property/parcel of land (eg continue agreements previous owner/s may have had) then the new Owner must complete *Owners Permission to Use Run - REVOKED* form and lodge with the Registrar.

BRANDS ARE NOT TRANSFERRED AUTOMATICALLY BY A PROPERTY SALE OR BY A WILL

Branding cattle and horses is a clear way of identifying ownership of stock, and can also play an important role in disease control programs and chemical residue trace back programs. This is important to both consumers and producers, to maintain confidence in the safety and integrity of livestock products.

The Northern Territory *Livestock Act and Regulations* uses a three-letter brand system where one letter must be the letter "T" and a distinctive (symbol) brand system.

It is compulsory to brand cattle before they are moved off a property or are sold (unless they are less than 8 months of age). Brands can be used on horses, buffalo and camel but it is not compulsory.

A brand is registered to a person or company for use on a nominated NT property only. **Under no circumstances are these brands to be used in any other State or Territory. This means the branding iron can only be used by the registered owner (or their representative) on the registered Northern Territory property as stated on Brand Certificate/s.** It does not restrict branded cattle being agisted on other properties. To brand on a NT property not registered with the Registrar is an infringement of the *Livestock Act and Regulations* and is an offence that incurs a penalty.

Property Identification Code (PIC) – What is it

The owner of an identifiable property must have a PIC registered for that property. An identifiable property is a property that keeps any of the following livestock - Alpacas, buffalo, camels, cattle, deer, goats, horses, llamas, pigs, poultry, pigeons, sheep.

The Property Identification Code (PIC) is permanently registered to a specific parcel of land as described by the Lands Title Office, not to the owner of land. Upon sale of the property the PIC remains with the property, it cannot be transferred to another property.

Property Owner/s are issued with a *Certificate of Registration of Property Identification Code (PIC)* which is an official document, listing the PIC, the property portion number and owner details.

The PIC is required to be used for most livestock movement and identification documents such as NT waybills. The PIC is also required for the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS). The property name and PIC are provided to the NLIS national database.

Upon Sale – PIC is permanently registered to land

Upon sale of a property which has a PIC registered, the new owners must complete an *Update your Property details* form and return it to Livestock identification Systems Administrator (LISA) for processing.

If livestock are no longer being kept on the property, then the new owner should notify LISA so that the PIC can be disbanded.

If the property is not registered with a PIC, and has livestock on the property, then the new owner is required to complete a *PIC Registration* form and return it to LISA for processing.

NT Property Identification Code (PIC) Search

A Property Identification Code (PIC) search facility is available on the Primary Industry website to assist industry personnel such as Producers, Agents, Livestock exporters, Saleyards, Tag Manufacturers, Processors and State Departments.

New Owners should find out if the land they just purchased has a registered PIC by using this website <http://pic.primaryindustry.nt.gov.au> or contact LISA on 8999 2033 for assistance.

Waybills

Completing a Waybill is compulsory whenever cattle, buffalo, sheep, goats, camels, deer and pigs are moved outside the boundaries of a property within the NT. The PIC must be entered for both Origin and Destination onto Waybills when moving stock. For further information on waybills see Agnote 'Waybills in the Northern Territory' on the Primary Industry website.

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