

YOU MUST REPORT CATTLE MOVEMENTS

It is mandatory in all Australian states that the NLIS database is informed of the movement of cattle between properties with different Property Identification Codes (PIC). The time allowed for reporting such movements varies between states, with the longest interval allowed being 7 days in NSW and Victoria. Movements following on-property auction sales (deemed to be a public sale) must be reported by the close of business the next working day. On the other hand, movements resulting from private sales must be reported within 7 days of the movement. Vendors, agents or purchasers failing to inform the database of such movements are at risk of legal action under respective state regulations.

Systemic compliance failures at seed-stock sales are evident and are the subject of an audit by NSW Department of Primary Industries. Angus breeders enjoy a pre-eminent position within the Australian seed-stock industry. In the interest of their clients, members of Angus Australia should consider the inclusion of a NLIS compliance prerequisite when negotiating with agents to manage on-property auctions. Members seeking assistance with this task are advised to contact the Department of Primary Industries in their state. Meat and Livestock Australia maintain a Help-Line (1800 654 743) to assist producers in establishing an “account” to record movements of cattle on the NLIS database when sold by private treaty.