

**RULES  
OF  
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
DIVISION OF ANIMAL INDUSTRIES**

**CHAPTER 0080-02-04  
REMOVAL OF IDENTIFICATION FROM LIVESTOCK**

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**0080-02-04-.01 DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) For Purposes of these Rules:
  - (a) Livestock – means cattle, equine, swine, sheep, goats and poultry.
  - (b) Official Identification – A means of identifying an animal or group of animals in accordance with 9 C.F.R. § 71.1.

**Authority:** T.C.A. §§ 4-3-203 and 44-2-102. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified June 5, 1974. Emergency rule filed September 2, 2009; effective through March 1, 2010.

**0080-02-04-.02 GENERAL.**

- (1) No person shall remove official identification from any livestock in Tennessee, except as follows:
  - (a) Persons who have kept livestock for breeding, feeding or grazing for a period of sixty (60) days or more are permitted to remove official backtags and sale tags only.
  - (b) Duly authorized state or federal employees.

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