

## **Thorsys Australia Traceback Summary**

### **At the Paddock**

Whole of life eartags or rumen pellets are applied to cattle with unique IDs

### **At the Abattoir**

- The unique ID is read, checked for exception testing and recorded against the slaughter details and barcode
- The barcode is then the unique identifier
- A DNA Sample is collected and stored associated with the barcode
- A BSE sample is currently taken in Japan, and all carcasses placed on hold until the results are returned

### **At the Boning Room**

- The barcode is scanned and checked to see if any tests are required and that the side has passed the BSE test (in Japan)
- Individual cut barcodes are produced and placed on the meat

### **At the Packing/Carton Station**

Each cut barcode is scanned as it is placed into a carton and an external EAN barcode is produced, associating the cuts with the carton barcode

### **At Dispatch/Loadout**

The carton barcodes are scanned to an order, and incorrect cartons rejected

### **At the Customer**

At the customer site, if further slicing occurs, the customer scans the cut barcode on the cryovac bag, then a small copy of the barcode is produced uniquely identifying the meat in the tray pack

### **On the Plate**

Consumers can buy in confidence knowing that if a problem is discovered, immediate recall notices will be available, showing which stores were effected and on which days the meat was purchased

### **Traceback**

- If traceback is required, the label on the packaging can be used to uniquely identify the meat in question
- If the label is not present, but some of the meat is available, a DNA check can be made to uniquely identify the meat in question
- If a recall is required, all other meat from that body/property/processing day etc can be found at the touch of a button

#### **More information**

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