

## **Important new feature of the LAREU Registration System**

As of today, LAREU has introduced an important new feature in the registration of alpacas and llamas: The transponder number (“ISO chip”) which you enter to identify your animal will be checked for correctness and uniqueness against all other chip number in the TASSO data base (LAREU is part of this data base). In this way you can be sure that there will be no two animals in the LAREU data base which (by error) have the same transponder number. The new system helps you to correct errors when you enter the chip number of your animal.

The ISO chip number has 15 digits, where the first six signify the country and factory where the chip has been produced. The other 9 numbers make up the serial number of the individual ISO chip. When a chip number is entered, the LAREU system (provided and powered by TASSO e.V.) checks that the number of digits entered are correct and that the number has not been given to any other animal in the TASSO data base (over 4.5 million entries).

In case you have entered a number which has already been registered with another animal, the system will give a comment in the field for the chip. You cannot enter the same chip number twice. There are 3 possibilities.

1. You have entered a chip number which you have already given to one of your animals. The system will give you the LAREU number of your other animal with the chip number in question. This is the easy case: If you have mistyped the number (e.g. flip of digits) you can correct and try to register again. If you are sure the number you have entered is correct, the error must be in the chip number of your other animal. In this case you can register your animal without the chip number (check the box “Register with BLANK chip no.” and press “Submit”). You can check both of your animals and correct the error later using the “change animal” option.
2. You have entered a chip number which is already registered with an animal of a different owner in the LAREU data base. In this case you will get a comment describing this case. If you are really sure that the chip number you entered is correct then the error must have occurred with the other animal owner. In this case you can check the box “Yes, the chip no. is correct” and press “Submit”. There will be an automatic email to the LAREU administrator who will then get into contact with both owners registered with LAREU to clarify the situation.
3. You have entered a chip number which is already registered with an animal in the TASSO data base. You will get a comment describing this case. If you are really sure that the chip number you entered is correct then you can check the box “I am sure the number is correct” and press “submit”. There will be an automatic email to the TASSO webmaster who will then get into contact with both owners to clarify the situation.

In parallel to the new registration procedure a general check of the LAREU data base will be performed and all animals with a doubly registered chip number will be identified. An email will be sent to the respective owners to help clarifying the situation and correcting possible errors in the LAREU data base.