1. **Q.** Calves are worked and green-tagged only and sold before weaning. The second owner weans these calves 30 days and sells the calves. Can a Green Tag Preconditioning (PC) Certificate be issued?
   **A.** No.

2. **Q.** Can Green Tag PC calves (accompanied by a Green Tag PC Certificate) purchased by a buyer be gold-tag preconditioned without starting the vaccination program over?
   **A.** Yes. The key here is the buyer’s Green Tag PC Certificate and the veterinarian verifies the tag numbers. The new owner must own the calves 60 days minimum.

3. **Q.** Calves are vaccinated and green-tagged, issued a ‘vaccination certificate’, but not an IVMA/ICA Green Tag Preconditioning Certificate, and then sold without weaning. The second owner weans the calves. Could they be vaccinated and gold-tagged?
   **A.** No. They could be gold-tagged if they were issued a Green Tag PC Certificate which would require weaning prior to being sold. (See Q&A #2 above.)

4. **Q.** Can calves sold as preconditioned by a first owner be represented as “preconditioned” at a sale by the second owner?
   **A.** Yes, if there is a valid PC certificate from previous owner, the tag numbers are verified by the veterinarian and the second owner has owned the cattle for at least 60 days.
   ➢ A new PC certificate must be completed to show the new owner information.

5. **Q.** Should calves that the veterinarian knows will not be “preconditioned” still be vaccinated and green-tagged?
   **A.** Yes, at the veterinarian’s discretion. The green tag only indicates that the calves have had science-based vaccinations and an external/internal parasite treatment regimen administered by a veterinarian who has verified properly dehorned and castrated as appropriate.
   ➢ The IVMA/ICA recommends green-tagged calves be “Preconditioned” with all PC requirements met which includes weaning & feed ration and be accompanied by a valid Preconditioning certificate.

6. **Q.** Can a producer purchase vaccines from their veterinarian and administer the first vaccine, then have the veterinarian administer the second vaccination and gold tag the calves?
   **A.** No - This is in direct violation of this veterinarian-verified program and is not allowed. All vaccination and parasite control measures must be administered by a veterinarian or by clinic staff under “direct supervision” of the veterinarian. All medical procedures must be veterinarian verified. Additional procedures performed by the owner can be added as a comment on the PC certificate.

7. **Q.** Why a Gold Tag Preconditioning program option?
   **A.** Boostered vaccinations and an increased weaning interval are preferred by many buyers. These additional healthcare measures potentially improve the immunity and health status of the animal. As such it is a marketing tool to increase the price the producer receives.

8. **Q.** Can vaccines, dewormers, or “pour-ons” purchased by a producer be used by the veterinarian as part of the preconditioning program?
   **A.** No. The veterinarian has no knowledge of the source of drugs or supplies, or how they were handled or stored. Therefore, efficacy could be a concern.