# **Federal Trade Commission**

# Workshop on RFID

# Current and Anticipated Uses of RFID Technology

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#### **TI-RFid: 15 Years of Innovation**

- Strong heritage of innovation at Texas Instruments
  - Jack Kilby, inventor of the integrated circuit, Nobel prize winner
- TI-RFid established as a business unit 15 years ago
  - Surpassed 300 million tag milestone
  - We focus on passive tags and reader products sold through distributors and integrators
  - Active participant in standards bodies, ISO/IEC, ANSI, now EPCglobal
  - Awards for engineering, marketing and innovation



# **TI-RFid Application Milestones**

- 100 million keys for anti-theft
- 30 million in livestock tracking
- 20 million library books
- 7 million using Exxon/Mobil Speedpass
- 4 million trays tracked by Marks and Spencer











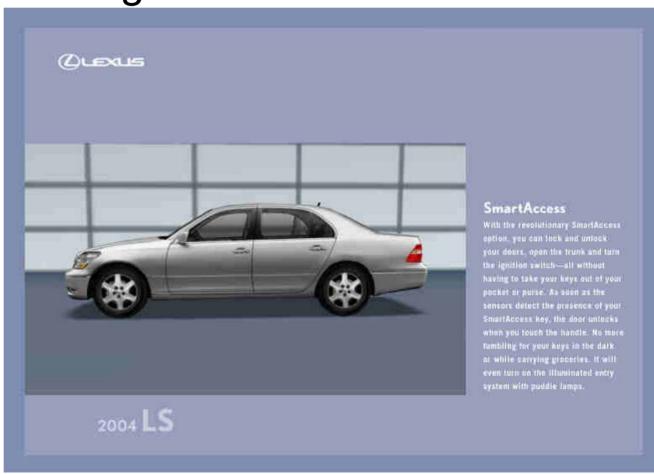


## A New Innovation...

All drivers recognize their cars...

Some cars recognize their drivers.

Smart Access From Lexus





#### RFID in Action...



Warehouse, supply chain, logistics

Currently tagging at case and pallet level, streamlining and reducing costs



Product authentication

Protects brands and ensures consumers get what they pay for Chip wafer manufacturing

Tagging at the tray level to insure work processes are performed

#### RFID in Action...



Major Marathons

Participant authentication and timing



Test tube tracking

Ensures accuracy and tube identification, protects patient safety

Livestock tracking

Protecting food supply and quality



#### RFID in Action...



Toll tags, parking lot access

Saving consumers time and reducing emissions



Event access, ticketing

Consumer convenience



Building access control, security

Protects corporate assets and employees



# **More RFID Applications**

- Keeping miners safe in Great Britain
- Keeping children safe at theme parks
- Keeping hospital patients from getting the wrong blood type
- Insuring injured soldiers in Iraq get the right medical procedures
- Tracking tree growth patterns in the state of Washington
- Tracking critical files in law offices
- Providing secure access for the Academy Awards
- Tracking salmon migration patterns
- And on and on...



#### **State of the Market**

- RFID Is not "Emerging" Anymore
  - More than a billion transponders deployed world-wide
  - RFID has been delivering an ROI
  - RFID has created new markets
  - Benefiting consumers for many years
- New technologies, new opportunities
  - Is there a better way?
  - Presents an opportunity to re-think, redeploy, and to re-engineer the enterprise
  - For consumers, new conveniences, more safety and security

# **Getting a Few Things Straight**

- There is no perfect frequency
  - Low Frequency 134 kHz.
  - High Frequency 13.56 MHz.
  - Ultra-high Frequency (UHF) 900 MHz.
- RFID is NOT a cure for bad business practices
- RFID industry <u>has</u>, and <u>will continue</u> to respond to concerns about the technology
- To get this right, it takes collaboration between technology companies, industry organizations, governmental agencies, and end-user/consumer groups

#### And the Winner is...

- RFID will bring new business opportunities and stimulate the high-tech sector
- RFID will help increase business profitability through cost reductions and new efficiencies
- RFID will make the lives of consumers safer, more secure, easier and more convenient

Everybody is a winner



# Thank You.

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