

# ALEC - Approval of Production RFID Packaging Samples

**RFID Lab approval is mandatory before any shipment of goods can begin from any agency you receive packaging from.**

Send Five (5) EPC tag samples only (no product or packaging) to the RFID Lab for ALEC validation prior to bulk production. These may be branded hangtags, generic hangtags, or stickers.

- Submit one UPC per Submission Form.
- Not all UPCs supplied by a supplier requires a validation. Select one representative UPC (SKU) per
  - o Product supplier
  - o Brand
  - o Packaging type
  - o Packaging agency
  - o RFID Inlay model
  - o Tagging location.

Send 5 inlay samples of the one representative UPC.

- RFID Tags MUST be production quality.
- Please complete and submit the online submission form at <https://rfidlab.org/DicksSportingGoods/> Print the PDF confirmation and include it along with the samples.
- The RFID Lab's shipping information is available in the online submission form.
- Testing will not begin until the printed confirmation form has arrived at the lab.
- Actual product or packaging will only need to be sent when specifically requested by the RFID Lab. Please note: Any product sent to the RFID Lab will NOT be returned to the product supplier.
- Product Suppliers are responsible for submitting their own samples to the RFID Lab. Packaging resources CANNOT submit samples on behalf the Product Suppliers to the RFID Lab.
- Product Suppliers who decide to switch inlay models and/or inlay providers and/or Service Bureau AFTER receiving validation from the RFID Lab, will need to re-submit tag samples again for validation.
- Product Suppliers who decide to change/add new packaging with materials that may interfere with readability, will need to re-submit tag samples again for validation.
- Once you receive an email approval from the RFID Lab, no further action is needed, and you are approved to move into bulk ordering and production.