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Moving goats into and within NSW

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This document applies to commercial, feral, rangelands and pet goats.

Summary of movement requirements

- There are **animal welfare** requirements for the transport and keeping of goats in NSW
- Goats entering and moving within NSW must have an **approved NLIS tag**
- Goats moving within NSW must be accompanied by fully completed documentation, either a **national vendor declaration (NVD)** or a **transported stock statement (TSS)**
- Goat movements must be notified to the **NLIS database**
- There are strict **footrot** requirements for goats entering NSW
- There are requirements relating to **Johne's disease** for goats entering NSW
- Goats infested with **Sheep Lice** cannot be moved in public places unless they are going to slaughter
- There are strict **cattle tick** requirements for goats entering NSW from cattle tick infested areas
- There are strict **plant import** requirements for fodder accompanying goats entering NSW

The summary provides a brief overview of movement requirements; more specific movement requirements and exemptions are found below.

Animal welfare

There are minimum animal welfare requirements for the transport and keeping of goats in NSW.

The '[Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals: The Goat](#)', provides directions on how to safeguard the welfare of goats in transit. [The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979](#) (POCTA) defines the minimum standard for the keeping of all animals, including goats.

For more information on goat care, husbandry and disease management and prevention, see [Goat Health – keeping the herd disease free](#) (Primefact 469).

NLIS – moving goats into NSW

Tags

Goats entering NSW must have an approved NLIS ear tag. An approved ear tag is one that conforms with the national standard approved by Meat and Livestock Australia, and has a property identification code (PIC) printed on it.

Note: goats can enter NSW from Western Australia with a tag that is printed with the owner's registered brand instead of the PIC. They do not need to be retagged.

Remember: it is illegal to remove any NLIS tag.

Paperwork

All goats entering NSW must be accompanied by a movement document with the following information:

- the number and type of goats
- the date the goats left the previous property
- the PIC of the previous property
- the PICs on the ear tags of the goats; if the consignment is made up of goats from several

sources then all the different PICs must be recorded (unless the goats have been retagged with the PIC of the previous property)

- whether the goats were bred by the current owner (vendor bred).

This information is supplied by completing a national vendor declaration (NVD) or a transported stock statement (see below).

Notifying the NLIS database

Movements of goats into NSW must be recorded in the NLIS database. This will allow very fast tracking of goats in the event of a serious disease outbreak.

The general rule is that if you bring goats into NSW and onto your property, other than directly from an interstate saleyard, you must record the movement on the database within 7 days of the arrival of the goats.

If you are unable to upload the movement information yourself you may arrange for a third party such as a stock agent or contractor, to do the upload on your behalf. But it is still up to you, as the owner or person in charge of the goats, to ensure that the upload occurs.

For further information or assistance contact the NLIS Database Helpdesk on 1800 654 743 or nlis.support@mla.com.au

NLIS – moving goats within NSW

Tags

You must not move a goat within NSW unless it has an approved ear tag in its ear.

Approved ear tags for your property are printed with your property identification code (PIC). They can be either breeder tags (coloured according to the year of birth) or post-breeder tags (pink).

Any goat born on your property must be tagged before it leaves – ideally with your breeder tag in the correct year colour. A goat can only have one breeder tag.

If a goat bred on your property has lost its tag, you must re-tag it with either your breeder tag or your pink post-breeder tag before it leaves your property.

If you've purchased goats with several different tags, you can choose to tag them all with your pink post-breeder tags.

Each time a goat moves to another property it may be given the post-breeder tag of that property. This means a goat can have several post-breeder tags.

Remember: it is illegal to remove any NLIS tag.

Tag exemptions

There are few exemptions from tags. Further information is available from Sheep Livestock Officers. Contact Industry and Investment NSW on 02 63913 100 to find your local officer.

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Transported stock statements (TSS)

Transported stock statements (TSS), are primarily used to guard against stock theft. A completed transported stock statement must accompany any goats being moved by vehicle within NSW.

The vehicle transporting the goats can be stopped by an authorised officer under the *Rural Lands Protection Act 1998* or a police officer and the transported stock statement must be produced on request.

Note: a fully completed national vendor declaration is a valid transported stock statement.

Transported stock statements are available individually or in booklets from your local Livestock Health and Pest Authority. They are not available electronically. (www.lhpa.org.au).

National vendor declaration (NVD)

A national vendor declaration (NVD) is required for the MLA Livestock Production Assurance Scheme (LPA) and provides valuable information about chemical residues in livestock. Most stock buyers will not purchase goats that do not have an NVD. When a fully completed NVD is available a separate transported stock statement is not required.

To join the Livestock Production Assurance Scheme and obtain your NVDs are accessed through MLA. You can either call 1800 683 11 or email lpa@mla.com.au.

Johne's disease – moving goats into NSW

From all States and Territories

Goats from any state or territory that are infected or suspected of being infected with Johne's disease (JD) are only allowed to enter NSW if they are being transported directly to slaughter.

From Tasmania and King Island

Goats can only enter NSW if they:

- are transported directly to slaughter, or
- are from a herd that is accredited under the Goat JD Market Assurance Program (JD MAP) and are accompanied by a completed Goat Health Statement, or
- have been subject to a negative Check Test and are accompanied by a completed Goat Health Statement.

From Victoria, South Australia and Flinders Island

Goats can only enter NSW if they:

- are transported directly for slaughter, or
- are accompanied by a completed Goat Health Statement.

Footrot – moving goats into NSW

All of NSW is a Footrot Protected Area and notification and quarantine measures apply throughout the entire state.

This means that goats cannot enter NSW unless they are:

- free from virulent footrot and accompanied by a valid Footrot Declaration or by a Goat Health Statement with the footrot section completed, or
- going directly to an abattoir, or
- going directly to an approved slaughter-only sale, or
- going directly to a feedlot authorised to accept infected goats, or
- moving under an inspector's order or permit.

Cattle tick – moving goats into NSW

Goats being moved into NSW from Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia are subject to restrictions on account of cattle tick.

The restrictions vary according to whether the goats originate from tick free or tick infested zones in these states.

For information about the requirements, contact the NSW Cattle Tick Program on 02 6626 1201.

Importation of fodder

If you plan to move goats into NSW and are bringing plant-based feed with them you must meet the requirements for the importation of plant material into NSW. These requirements vary depending on the state of origin.

See [Information on importing fodder into NSW from interstate](#) (Primefact 42). For more details, call Agricultural Compliance on 02 6391 3384.

Sheep lice – moving goats within NSW

Goats infested with sheep lice cannot be moved in public places in NSW unless they are:

- going directly to an abattoir, or
- going directly to an approved slaughter-only sale, or
- going directly to a feedlot authorised to accept infected goats, or
- moving under an inspector's order or permit.

Biosecurity guidelines for goat owners

Biosecurity helps you to protect your goats from pests and diseases. This means avoiding or managing disease risks. The main biosecurity risks for goat owners are:

- not keeping your own goats in good health
- introducing other goats onto your property

- agisting your own goats elsewhere then bringing them home
- neighbours with diseased goats

You can minimise these risks by following a few simple guidelines:

Good health

- Provide all goats with adequate food, water and shelter
- Check all stock regularly
- Plan your husbandry programs to avoid undue stress and disease risk
- Implement appropriate vaccination and drenching programs
- Isolate/test/treat sick stock
- Don't feed your goats with any manufactured feeds marked 'contains restricted animal material'

Introductions

- Check the disease status of any goats before you buy, borrow or agist them – get it in writing
- Quarantine any introductions and inspect/drench/vaccinate/test them before you let them anywhere near your other stock

Agisting your own stock elsewhere

- Check the disease status of the agistment land, the stock on it and any neighbouring flocks – before you sign up
- When your goats come home treat them like any other introductions

Goat neighbours

- Maintain good boundary fences
- Talk to your neighbours about disease risk
- Watch for strays and work out a strategy – putting them back over the fence can be a major disease risk for either you or your neighbour!

Emergency animal disease

If you suspect that goats being moved into or within NSW are infected with an emergency animal disease, you must call the emergency animal disease hotline on 1800 675 888. See [Emergency animal diseases](#) (Primefact 588) for details.

Where to find movement documents

Transported stock statement	Call in to your local Livestock Health and Pest Authority
National vendor declaration	www.mla.com.au
Goat Health Statement	www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

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