

National Livestock Identification System

Quick Guide: NLIS for goat depot operators

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Operators of goat depots in NSW must meet the NLIS requirements.

This is a requirement of the *Biosecurity (NLIS) Regulation 2017* from 1 July 2017

A goat depot is defined in the NLIS Regulation as ‘land that is used to aggregate goats before the sale or slaughter of those goats. It is crucial livestock can be quickly traced. This Quick Guide summarises the NLIS requirements which must be met by operators of goat depots in NSW.

Goat Depot Registration

Under the NLIS Regulation, operators of goat depots must be registered with NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI).

A goat depot operator must also:

- ensure the goat depot has a PIC which is accredited with Livestock Production Assurance (LPA)
- agree to participate in an annual LPA audit
- open and use a goat depot NLIS database account to record goat movements to and from the depot
- have a letter from a goat meat processor indicating that the depot is, or will be, supplying goats on a commercial basis, and
- comply with all NLIS requirements relating to the ongoing operation of a goat depot

NLIS tagging exemption

Harvested feral goats are exempt from NLIS ear tags if they move from the property of capture directly to an abattoir, or via one registered goat depot, where they can be held for up to 10 days before being moved directly to an abattoir for slaughter “over the hooks”.

Feral goats are those captured from a wild state, have not been born as a result of a managed breeding program and have not been subject to any animal husbandry procedure or treatment.

When must feral goats be tagged?

Any untagged feral goats which are moved from a goat depot to another depot, a saleyard, a property or to export must be tagged with a pink post-breeder NLIS tag printed with the depot PIC.

If any untagged goats are retained in a depot for longer than 10 days, they must be tagged with a pink post-breeder NLIS tag printed with the depot PIC before being moved from the depot to any other property.

NLIS movement documents

All movements of goats to and from depots must be accompanied by a fully completed LPA National Vendor Declaration (NVD) and Waybill (for goats), or a Transported Stock Statement.

Mob-based movements to and from depots must be recorded in the NLIS database by the depot operator within 2 days of each movement.

How do I register to operate a goat depot?

The application form to register as an operator of a goat depot is on the NSW DPI website at: https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/748642/Goat-depot-registration-application-form.pdf

Information on the NLIS requirements for goat depot operators in NSW and other jurisdictions is explained in the 'Industry NLIS Standards for Operating a Goat Depot and User Manual' on the Goat Industry Council of Australia (GICA) website at: <http://www.gica.com.au/industry-programs/national-livestock-identification-system>

Further information:

Goat depot information on NLIS (Sheep and Goats) NSW DPI website at: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/nlis/sheep-goats/>

Contact GICA to access a list of registered goat depots and the NLIS Industry Standards for Operating a Goat Depot and User Manual (Standard Operating Procedures)

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