## DPI Primefact

# Moving goats into and within NSW

*All goats, including pets, farmed goats, dairy, miniature or earless goats, must meet certain movement requirements.*

## Moving goats into NSW

### From any other state

Goats moving *into* NSW from other states must meet NSW NLIS and health requirements (see below).

Goats moving *into* NSW must be accompanied by a completed National Goat Health Declaration and be free of virulent footrot, unless they are being transported directly to an abattoir for slaughter.

If the goats aren't showing signs of footrot, the National Sheep Health Declaration must be provided to the person to whom the stock are delivered and presented to the relevant Local Land Services office within two days.

National Goat Health Declaration is available at:
http://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements/

### From Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia

Goats moving from the cattle tick infested areas in Queensland, Western Australia or Northern Territory may be infected with cattle tick.

There are legal controls on the entry of secondary cattle tick carriers such as goats to NSW.

Refer to table 1, Treatment and inspection requirements for cattle tick carriers entering NSW in the NSW DPI Primefact Cattle Tick – NSW entry requirements.

For more information contact the NSW DPI Cattle Tick Program on cattletick@dpi.nsw.gov.au or on (02) 6626 1201.

### Fodder from any other state

Plant material may be restricted from entering NSW. Contact the DPI Biosecurity & Food Safety NSW unit for general information on importing fodder on quarantine@dpi.nsw.gov.au or on 1800 084 881.

## Moving goats within NSW

Goats moving *within* NSW must meet NSW NLIS and health requirements.

# The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS)

The National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) underpins access of Australian livestock products to international markets. NLIS allows for traceability of livestock through a combination of permanent identifiers, movement documents and database records.

The NLIS database holds information on goat movements from birth to slaughter, to protect and enhance Australia's reputation as a producer of animal products that are free of chemical residues and exotic diseases.

NLIS devices printed with a Property Identification Code (PIC) are required to be attached to all livestock and all properties with livestock should have a PIC.

In NSW the NLIS is supported by the Biosecurity (NLIS) Regulation 2017.

NSW is moving to an individual electronic identification system (eID) for sheep and goats from 1 January 2025. See here for more information.

## Property Identification Codes (PIC)

Every property on which goats are kept must have a PIC. This PIC is printed on an NLIS approved NLIS ear tag.

## NLIS approved ear tags

Currently all goats being moved *into* NSW or to another property *within* NSW must be identified with an approved NLIS visual ear tag. See a list of NLIS accredited devices here.

NLIS tags must not be removed. More than one 'pink' post-breeder tag may be applied in addition to the original breeder tag.

Currently an exemption from ear tagging for goats moving *into* or *within* NSW includes:

- Harvested feral/rangeland goats moving from place of capture directly to an abattoir, or via one registered goat depot where the goats are held for less than 10 days
- Earless goats (goats born without ears), and
- Dairy goats (for property to property movements only).

Note that an alternative form of NLIS identifier, the goat leg-band or hock strap, has been approved for use on dairy and earless goats, with a date for mandatory use still to be determined. The goat leg-bank or hock strap may be used on a voluntary basis.

## NLIS movement documents

All goats being moved *into* or *within* NSW must be accompanied by a movement document that is one of the following:

- Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) National Vendor Declaration (NVD) and Waybill,
- Electronic or eNVD (see National Vendor Declaration | Integrity System, or available through licensed eNVD software providers), or
- A Transported Stock Statement (TSS) available from Local Land Services (LLS)

- Permit issued by a Local Land Services office or a NSW DPI Biosecurity and Food Safety authorised officer

The PIC on at least one ear tag attached to each goat must match the PIC pre-printed on the NVD, eNVD or TSS.

An LPA NVD or eNVD is obtained through the myMLA website which gives you access to the NLIS database, NVDs and other services.

## The LPA NVD provides market access and food safety information when selling livestock.

## NLIS database

All goat movements must be recorded in the NLIS database. The persons responsible for notifying the database are:

- Saleyard operators for goats sold through a saleyard
- Goat depot operators for goats sold through a depot
- Abattoir operators for goats sent directly to an abattoir
- Owner of the goats for all other goat movements to or between any other property and within 2 days of the goats' arrival.

## Stock Permit

A stock permit is required for goats being walked along a public road. This is in addition to identifying goats with an NLIS tag and recording the movement in the NLIS database (unless both properties have the same PIC).

Contact your Local Land Services office for a permit.

## National Goat Health Declaration

All goats entering NSW must have with them a completed National Goat Health Declaration unless they are being transported direct to an abattoir for slaughter.

The National Goat Health Declaration includes information on the flock diseases; footrot, lice, ovine brucellosis (OB) and ovine Johne's disease (OJD).

### Footrot

Goats infected with virulent footrot are not allowed to be moved *within* NSW, unless on a permit from an authorised officer.

### Johne's disease (JD)

There are no movement restrictions on account of Johne's disease in goats.

### Sick goats

You should not transport sick goats unless necessary. Contact your private veterinarian or Local Land Services for advice.

### Animal Welfare

You must follow the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Land Transport of Livestock) Standards 2013 No.2 when transporting sheep in NSW.

The *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (POCTA) defines the minimum standard for the keeping of all animals, including goats.

## More information

Local Land Services: 1300 795 299 or go to http://www.lls.nsw.gov.au/

NSW DPI Cattle tick Program: (02) 6626 1201

General advice on livestock or fodder movements:  1800 084 881

NLIS Database Helpdesk: 1800 654 743 or info@integritysystems.com.au

Integrity Systems Company for Livestock Production Assurance  (LPA): 1800 683 111 or info@integritysystems.com.au

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