

Moving sheep into and within NSW

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All sheep, including pets, poddy lambs, dairy, wool and meat sheep must meet certain movement requirements.

Moving sheep into NSW

From any other state

Sheep moving into NSW from other states must meet this state's NLIS and health requirements.

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

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

From Queensland, the Northern Territory or Western Australia

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

These sheep will require inspection and treatment before movement into NSW.

Contact the NSW Department of Primary Industries 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 1800 084 881.

Moving sheep within NSW

Sheep moving within NSW must meet this state's NLIS and health requirements.

NLIS – National Livestock Identification System

The [National Livestock Identification System](#) (NLIS) is Australia's scheme for the identification and tracing of livestock.

The NLIS allows livestock to be traced from birth to slaughter. In NSW the NLIS (Sheep and Goats) is a mob-based system using a combination of:

- Eartags which link animals to properties
- NLIS movement documents which accompany all mobs of sheep and goats when they move, and
- Recording of all movements of sheep and goats as mobs in the NLIS database.

Property Identification Codes (PIC)

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

NLIS approved ear tags

All sheep being moved into NSW or to another property within NSW must be identified with an approved NLIS 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.

NLIS movement documents

All sheep being moved into or within NSW must be accompanied by a movement document that is either a:

- National Vendor Declaration (NVD) and waybill, or electronic NVD (eNVD)
- Transported Stock Statement (TSS)
- 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 sheep must match the PIC pre-printed or written on the NVD, eNVD or TSS.

An NVD is obtained from [Livestock Production Assurance](#) (LPA) and provides market access and food safety information when selling livestock.

Most stock buyers will not purchase goats that do not have an NVD. When a fully completed NVD is used a TSS is not required.

TSSs are available individually or in booklets from your [Local Land Services office](#).

NLIS database

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

- Saleyard operators for sheep sold through a saleyard
- Abattoir operators for sheep sent direct to an abattoir
- Owner of the sheep for all other sheep movements to and between any other properties, and within 2 days of their arrival.

Stock Permit

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

Contact your Local Land Services office for a permit.

National Sheep Health Declaration

All sheep entering NSW from interstate must have with them a completed National Sheep Health Declaration unless they are being transported direct to slaughter at an abattoir.

The sheep health declaration includes information on the flock diseases; footrot, lice, ovine brucellosis (OB) and ovine Johne's disease (OJD).

Footrot

Sheep infected with footrot are only allowed to be moved into NSW if they are transported directly to an abattoir for slaughter. Otherwise it is an offence to import sheep infected with virulent footrot.

Lice

Lousy sheep should not be moved into or within NSW unless going to slaughter.

Johne's disease

There are no movement restrictions on account of Johne's disease of sheep into or within NSW.

Ovine brucellosis (OB)

Ovine brucellosis infected sheep should not be moved into or within NSW unless going to slaughter.

Sick sheep

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

Animal Welfare

You must follow the [Standards and Guidelines for the Land Transport of Livestock](#) when transporting sheep.

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979 defines the minimum standard for the keeping of all animals, including sheep.

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 support@nlis.com.au.

Livestock Production Assurance (LPA): 1800 683 111 or email lpa@mla.com.au

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