

# Moving goats into and within NSW

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## Summary of movement requirements

- All goats entering NSW must be accompanied by a completed National Goat Health Declaration unless they are being transported direct to slaughter at an abattoir
- There are strict footrot requirements for goats entering NSW
- Goats infested with sheep lice should not 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
- Goats entering and moving within NSW must be identified with an approved NLIS tag
- Goats entering and moving within NSW must be accompanied by fully completed movement document
- There are animal welfare requirements for the transport and keeping of goats in NSW

## Moving goats into NSW

### From any other state

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

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

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.

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

Contact the NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Cattle Tick program on [cattletick@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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](mailto:quarantine@dpi.nsw.gov.au) or on 1800 084 881.

## Moving goats within NSW

Goats 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 all livestock movements 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 Code (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

All goats 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.

An exemption from ear tagging for goats moving into or within NSW includes:

- Feral 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, and
- Dairy goats (for property to property movements only).

## NLIS movement documents

All goats 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 goat must match the PIC pre-printed 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 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.

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

### Footrot

Goats infected with footrot can only enter NSW if they are transported directly to an abattoir for slaughter. Otherwise it is an offence to import goats infected with virulent footrot.

### Sheep lice

Goats infested with sheep lice should not be moved into or within NSW unless going directly to slaughter.

### 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 [Standards and Guidelines for the Land Transport of Livestock](#) when transporting goats.

*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 [support@nlis.com.au](mailto:support@nlis.com.au)

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

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