

NLIS requirements for goats

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YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

NLIS is Australia's system for the identification and tracing of goats for biosecurity, food safety, product integrity and market access purposes.

Throughout Australia, producers are required to know where the goats under their management have come from and where they are going. This means:

- All managed goats must be identified with an NLIS ear tag before leaving their property destined for a saleyard, abattoir, sale over-the-hooks (OTH) or another property with a different property identification code (PIC).
- All transported goats, not just managed goats, must be accompanied by accurate and fully completed transportation documentation, generally a National Vendor Declaration (NVD).

There are some state-based exemptions or additional requirements for dairy goats, show goats and unmanaged (feral or rangeland) goats.

ADDITIONAL QLD REQUIREMENTS

Harvested feral or rangeland goats

Harvested feral or rangeland goats captured from the wild do not require tagging in QLD if they are being moved direct to a depot or abattoir provided:

- They have not been born as a result of a managed breeding program; and
- They have not been subjected to any animal husbandry procedure or treatment.

If feral goats are to be held at a depot and are not consigned for slaughter they must be tagged within 10 days of arrival at the depot.

If feral goats are consigned to slaughter, they must be sent to an abattoir within 30 days of arriving at a depot and do not, generally, require ear tagging. Otherwise, they need to be tagged, segregated and treated as farmed goats.

Abattoir or depot consignments

If your goats are consigned direct to an abattoir or depot, you should check with your processor or depot operator for their specific requirements.

Dairy goats

Dairy goats may be exempt however, **exemptions are not automatic**. They must be applied for from the Queensland Primary Industries and Fisheries.

For an exemption to be granted the owners must be members of the Dairy Goat Society of Australia Ltd and the goats must be identified with an approved ear tattoo of the property.

If the goats are moving outside the stud system for open sale or to an abattoir for slaughter, they are required to be ear tagged.

Show goats

Goats travelling to agricultural shows must have an NLIS ear tag attached before leaving the property.

Interstate movements

If you are sending goats out of QLD, you must comply with the national, QLD and destination state's requirements for NLIS and livestock movement documentation.

Remember your movement documents

All goat movements require appropriate movement documentation such as a fully completed NVD.

IF IN DOUBT – FIND OUT

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