

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 – be they 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 movement documents, 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 SA REQUIREMENTS

Harvested feral or rangeland goats

Harvested feral or rangeland goats captured from the wild are exempt from NLIS ear tagging in SA if they are consigned direct to slaughter within six weeks of capture.

Harvested feral or rangeland goats cannot be:

- Bred by the consignor;
- Constrained by fences; or
- Otherwise managed prior to capture/harvest.

Harvested feral or rangeland goats must have a pink NLIS post-breeder tag for the property of capture if they are to be moved from that property to any other property, live export depot or to a saleyard for sale, including sale for slaughter.

Dairy goats

Exemptions for dairy goats are not automatic.

They must be applied for from the Department of Primary Industries and Resources, SA. For an exemption certificate to be granted:

- The dairy goats must be a recognised breed:
 - Saanen
 - British Alpine
 - Toggenburg
 - Anglo Nubian
 - Australian Melaan
 - Australian Brown
- The owners must be members of the Dairy Goat Society of Australia Ltd or the Australian Association for Dairy Goats.
- All exempt dairy goats must have a registered property prefix tattoo in their right ear before leaving their current property of residence and this tattoo must be listed on the accompanying movement document.

Show goats

Goats (other than exempt dairy 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 SA, you must comply with the national, SA 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.

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