

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 VIC REQUIREMENTS

Harvested feral or rangeland goats

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

- They are only moving off the property of capture direct to the depot or abattoir for slaughter; and
- They have not been subjected to any animal husbandry procedure or treatment.

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 (other than a depot or direct to slaughter).

Dairy goats

Due to the high incidence of infection associated with tagging dairy goats, the following dairy goat breeds are exempt from ear tagging within VIC:

- Saanen
- British Alpine
- Toggenburg
- Anglo Nubian
- Australian Melaan
- Australian Brown

Show goats

Goats (except exempt dairy goat breeds) travelling to agriculture shows must have an NLIS tag attached before leaving the property of residence and be accompanied by movement documentation.

Interstate movements

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

Ordering tags

To obtain NLIS ear tags, contact your preferred tag supplier or rural merchandise outlet. A list of ear tag suppliers is available from www.mla.com.au/nlis

NLIS ear tags for use on goats must be printed with the PIC of the property on which they are used and with the NLIS logo.

The use of electronic NLIS ear tags for goats is **voluntary**. These devices can be ordered by visiting www.dpi.vic.gov.au/nlis and following the links to order NLIS tags online.

Remember your movement documents

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

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