



Sheep Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation

Pursuant to [\(3 CCR §760.5\)](#)

California requires an **Interstate Livestock Entry Permit** for **all** sheep moving into the state.

Exemptions:

- *Sheep less than 18 months of age that are moving within an approved slaughter channel*

To obtain an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit, please contact the **Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at (916) 900-5052** before moving sheep into the state. Permits are valid for 15 days after being issued.

California requires a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** for sexually intact sheep issued within 30 days before movement into the state with the statement, **“The animals are not scrapie-positive or suspect or from a scrapie non-compliant flock.”**

Exemptions:

- *Sheep moving within an approved slaughter channel*
- *Sheep moving for grazing without change of ownership*

Ovine Brucellosis - Rams

Pursuant to [\(3 CCR §760.4\)](#)

A negative *Brucella ovis* test is required for all rams **6 months of age and over** within 60 days prior to entry. The **CVI** must include the test date, test result, and lab name.

Exemptions:

- *A California ram that is entered in a show out of state, and then returns to California*
- *Rams moving for grazing without change of ownership*
- *Rams from a certified *Brucella ovis*-free flock with flock number on the CVI.*

For information on Scrapie, please visit:

[Animal Health Branch Scrapie Information](#)
[Eradicate Scrapie!](#)
[USDA Scrapie Disease Information](#)

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

[Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or [Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)

Official Identification (ID)

Pursuant to [\(3 CCR §760.5\)](#)

California requires Official Identification (ID) for **all** sheep. The ID must be written on, or included on a list attached to the CVI. Official ID may be listed as a range of numbers.

Exemptions:

- *Sheep less than 18 months of age that are moving within an approved slaughter channel*
- *Non-exhibition castrated sheep less than 18 months of age*
- *Sheep moving for grazing without change of ownership*

Acceptable forms of official ID for sheep include:

- Official ear tags
- Breed registration tattoos
- USDA (ISO) compliant microchip

See CDFA's Fact Sheet [“Sheep & Goats - Official Identification Options”](#) for detailed information on options for official ID for sheep and goats.

Note: California's entry requirements will change in the future based on recent changes in federal regulations. Please contact the AHB permit line at (916) 900-5052 for more information.

If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please print and present a hard copy to the Inspector at the Border Protection Station.

Animal Health Branch Permit Line:
(916) 900-5052

Animal Health and Food Safety Services Animal Health Branch

Headquarters - (916) 900-5002
 Redding District - (530) 225-2140
 Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
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For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit:
www.cdffa.ca.gov/ah

