Goat Entry Requirements

Interstate Livestock Entry Permit
(3 CCR §760.5)

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

Exemptions:
• Goats 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 goats into the state. Permits are valid for 15 days after being issued.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
(3 CCR §760.5)

California requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for sexually intact goats 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:
• Goats moving within an approved slaughter channel
• Goats moving for grazing without change of ownership

Official Identification (ID)
Pursuant to (3 CCR §760.5)

California requires Official Identification (ID) for all goats. 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:
• Goats less than 18 months of age that are moving within an approved slaughter channel
• Non-exhibition castrated goats less than 18 months of age
• Goats moving for grazing without change of ownership

Acceptable forms of official ID for goats include:
• Official eartags
• 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.

For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit: www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah