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

**Exemptions:**
- Kids less than 18 months of age moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility, that have not kidded, aborted, or are not pregnant.

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.

California requires a **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** issued within 30 days before entry with the statement, "The animals are not scrapie-positive or suspect or from a scrapie non-compliant flock."

**Exemptions:**
- Goats moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.

California requires all goats imported into the state to bear **Official Identification (ID)**. Official ID must be an identification mark or device approved by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). 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.

Acceptable forms of official animal ID include:
- Official Eartags that provide unique identification for the individual animal. It must bear the U.S. shield, be tamper resistant, have a high retention rate, and conform to one of the following numbering systems:
  - Flock ID tags (flock ID with Individual Animal ID on tag),
  - Scrapie program tags,
  - Serial ID tags (State code with serials numbers and letters), or
  - Animal Identification Number (AIN) (RFID or visual).
- USDA compliant microchips
- Official tattoos:
  - USDA flock ID with Individual Animal ID, or
  - Registration tattoos, if recorded in a Purebred Registry Association Book with documentation attached to the CVI.

**Exemptions:**
- Kids less than 18 months of age moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility, that have not kidded, aborted, or are not pregnant.
- Castrated goats less than 18 months of age, except those for exhibition.

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**Flock ID Tags**

**Scrapie Tags**

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For information on Scrapie, please click the following:
- Animal Health Branch Scrapie Information
- Eradicate Scrapie!
- USDA Scrapie Disease Information

For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit: [www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah](http://www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah)

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**Animal Health and Food Safety Services**

Animal Health Branch

- Headquarters - (916) 900-5002
- Redding District - (530) 225-2140
- Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
- Tulare District - (559) 685-3500
- Ontario District - (909) 947-4462

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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. This will prevent future follow up by CDFA personnel to verify the authenticity and accuracy of the document.