Goat Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation
Pursuant to 3 CCR §760.5
California requires an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit for all goats moving into the state.

Exemptions:
- Goats that are less than 18 months of age and have not kidded, have not aborted, or are not pregnant, and 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.

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 all goats imported into the state to bear Official Identification (ID). 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 that are less than 18 months of age and have not kidded, have not aborted, or are not pregnant, and 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:
- Eartags that conform to one of the following numbering systems:
  - Flock ID tags (flock ID with individual animal ID),
  - Serial ID tags (state code with serial numbers and letters), or
  - Animal Identification Number (AIN, 840) tags.
- Official tattoos:
  - USDA flock ID with individual animal ID, or
  - Registration tattoo (registration certificate must be attached to each copy of the CVI and accompany animals when traveling or sold).
- USDA (ISO) compliant microchip:
  - If registered with a national registry association.
  - Animals at exhibition, transported, or sold must be accompanied by the registration certificate and a microchip reader.

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

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.

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

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

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Animal Health Branch
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Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
Tulare District - (559) 685-3500
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For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit: www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah