



# Sheep Entry Requirements

## Interstate Livestock Entry Permit (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.

## Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (3 CCR §760.5)

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 (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
- Rams moving directly to slaughter.

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) (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.

For information on Scrapie, please visit:  
[Animal Health Branch Scrapie Information](#)  
[Eradicate Scrapie!](#)  
[USDA Scrapie Disease 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**

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

