Swine Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation
Pursuant to 3 CCR §796.4, §796.5; FAC 10781
California requires an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit for all swine into the state.
Exemptions:
- Swine moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility

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

California requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for all swine issued within 30 days before movement into the state.
Exemptions:
- Swine moving directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility

Official Identification (ID)
Pursuant to 3 CCR §796.4—796.6; FAC 10781
California requires Official Identification (ID) on all swine moving into the state.

Breeding and Show Swine
Breeding swine are sexually intact swine more than 6 months of age. Acceptable methods of official ID for breeding and show swine include:
- Official Eartags that conform to one of the following systems: National Uniform Eartagging System (NUES), Animal Identification Number (AIN), or Premises Identification Number (PIN)
- Ear notches or tattoos (ear or inner flank) if recorded in Purebred Registry Association Board with documentation attached to the CVI
- Eartags bearing the premises identification number assigned by the state combined with a unique number from the producer’s identification system

Feeder Swine
Feeder swine are swine less than 6 months of age being moved into the state for destinations other than direct to slaughter. Acceptable methods of official ID for feeder swine include:
- Official Eartags
- Ear notches or tattoos (ear or inner flank) if recorded in Purebred Registry Association Board with documentation attached to the CVI
- Eartags or tattoos bearing the premises identification number assigned by the state to the premises of origin

Slaughter Swine
Acceptable methods of official ID for slaughter swine include:
- Official Eartags
- Eartags or tattoos bearing the premises identification number assigned by the state to the premises of origin
- Official swine (slap) tattoo that will be retained and visible on the carcass after slaughter
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) backtags

Companion/Pet Pot Bellied and Mini Pigs ONLY:
Acceptable methods for official ID for companion/pet swine include:
- 840 Electronic Implants or microchips that are ISO 11784/85 compliant

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.

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

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