California requires an **Interstate Livestock Entry Permit** for importation of all swine into the state.

**Exemptions:**
- Movement of swine 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 an **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** for swine within 30 days of movement.

**Exemptions:**
- Movement of swine directly to a state or federally approved slaughter facility.

**Official Identification**
California requires Official Identification (ID) on all swine imported into the state. Official ID is a means of identifying an animal or group of animals.

**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 which are a tamper-resistant metal or plastic identification tags with a high retention rate that provide unique identification for the individual animals and conform to one of the following systems: National Uniform Ear-tagging 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, or
- Eartags or tattoos bearing the premises identification number assigned by the state to the premises of origin.

**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 identification 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, or
- 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
- 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.

**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**

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

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:
- Information About Livestock and Pet Movement
- Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website

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