



OFFICIAL USDA/APHIS/VIS ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NATIONAL SCRAPIE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Many Individual States have additional Requirements
Check with the State's Veterinarian Office if you are transporting goats to or within that state

What exactly does scrapie free mean?

- No classical scrapie positive animals have been detected in the United States for 7 years despite vigorous surveillance to find positive animals and outreach to encourage reporting and testing of animals with clinical signs of scrapie.

Why do we have to comply with the mandatory scrapie eradication program (why is it mandatory)?

- The ID and recordkeeping is mandatory because the ability to trace infected and exposed sheep and goats is critical to controlling scrapie and other diseases of concern like foot and mouth disease.
- The Scrapie Program reduced losses from scrapie from 1 in 500 animals in 2002-2003 to less than 1 in 30,000 currently. When we achieve scrapie freedom there will also be increased export markets for sheep/goats and their products which increases profitability.

Is this because many countries won't accept sheep or goats from the US until we can declare the US is free of scrapie?

- In part, but the scrapie program is essential for controlling loss of animals and productivity due to disease. Prior to the program being revised in 2001 scrapie infected about 1 in 500 U.S. sheep causing significant production and death losses in infected flocks. If the program had not been revised it is likely that the percentage of infected animals would be even higher today.

I'm taking a load of 5 cull does that have registration papers and are tattooed with our registry flock id and individual id numbers to the sale barn/livestock market.

Do I need scrapie tags?

- Yes, unless the sale barn is an approved market and will apply the tags for you.

Do I have to do a bill of lading?

- No, however; you will need an Owner/Hauler statement if you are crossing a state line or if you don't apply an official tag to the goats before going. If the market is not federally approved and is in another state you will need an ICVI (health certificate) rather than an Owner/Hauler statement.

I'm taking a load of 5 cull does that are not registered but are tattooed with our flock id & their individual id numbers to the sale barn/livestock market.

Do they need scrapie tags?

- Yes, unless the sale barn is an approved market and will apply the tags for you.

Do I have to do a bill of lading?

- No.

Do I have to do an owner/hauler statement?

- Yes, if you are crossing a state line or if you don't apply an official scrapie ID tag to the goats before going.

Do I have to do a ICVI (health certificate)?

- Yes, if the market is *not* federally approved and is in another state – you would do the health certificate instead of an owner/hauler statement.

I'm taking 10 wethers (3 months old to the sale barn):

Do they need official scrapie tags?

- No.

Do I have to do a bill of lading?

- No. Scrapie regulations do not require a bill of lading. However, other regulations might.

Do I have to do an owner/hauler statement?

- No.

I'm taking a donor doe that is tattooed with our registry flock id and her individual id number to the veterinarian to be flushed. I am also taking 5 recip does that are tattooed with our registry flock id and individual id numbers to the veterinarian to have embros implanted. They will return right back home.

Do we need to put scrapie tags in their ears?

- No. They may move with a copy of their registration certificate, if they are registered. If they do not have registration papers you will need an Owner/Hauler statement if they don't have official scrapie tags.

I am taking a doe to the veterinarian to be AI'd and she will stay there until we return with recip does to flush her and implant the embryos. She is tattooed with our registry flock id and an individual id. She is not registered.

Does she need a scrapie tag?

- No, but she must be accompanied by an Owner/Hauler statement.

I am taking a group of our breeding stock does (tattooed and tagged with flock id and individual id) from our pasture at home to our woods 2 miles down the road.

Do they need scrapie tags?

- No.

Do I need to do an owner/hauler statement?

- No, not if the woods are in the same state.
- If the woods are in another state and you have included the woods as a part of your premises with USDA/APHIS an Owner/Hauler statement is required.
- If you didn't include the woods as part of your premises and it is in another state you need an ICVI (health paper).

How do the individual state regulations affect me?

Do I have to comply with my state's regulations, in addition to the mandatory federal regulations?

- Yes.

Do I have to comply with the state's regulations where I am going?

- Yes.

What about states I am traveling through?

- No, not as long as they are accompanied with the required ICVI (health papers) and will not be unloaded in the state.

Do I always have to have health papers if I transport, or if I sell goats across state lines?

- Yes, unless they are going to a federally approved livestock market in which case an owner/hauler statement may be used instead. An owner/hauler statement instead of an ICVI is allowed for certain movements.

Do I always have to have health papers if I transport, or if I sell slaughter goats across state lines?

- No. An owner/hauler statement is used instead of an ICVI (health papers) for slaughter animals unless the state where the slaughter animals will be unloaded requires an ICVI for slaughter animals.

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