



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:1-17-06 Goats.

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(A) Goats imported into Ohio for breeding purposes shall:

- (1) Be accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days of entry and be identified with official individual identification as identified in paragraph (C) of this rule.
- (2) Show no symptoms or evidence of dangerously contagious or infectious diseases as defined in rule 901:1-21-02 of the Administrative Code.
- (3) The owner and the veterinarian must attest to the following statement written on the interstate certificate of veterinary inspection:

"The goats in this shipment are not known to be under any movement restrictions because of scrapie."
- (4) The consignee, upon request by an authorized representative of the department, shall provide information about the herd of birth of the animals in the shipment.
- (5) Meet one the following tuberculosis requirements:
 - (a) Originate from an accredited free state or zone.
 - (b) Originate from an accredited herd.
 - (c) Originate from a modified accredited advanced state or zone and meet the following requirements:
 - (i) Originate from an accredited herd; or
 - (ii) Have an individual negative tuberculosis test within sixty days prior to entry.
 - (d) Originate from a modified accredited state or zone and meet the following requirements:
 - (i) Originate from an accredited herd.
 - (ii) Originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd negative tuberculosis test within twelve months prior to entry.
 - (iii) Have an individual negative tuberculosis test within sixty days prior to entry.
 - (iv) Obtain a permit.



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(e) Originate in an accreditation preparatory state or zone and meet the following requirements:

(i) Originate from an accredited herd.

(ii) Have an individual negative tuberculosis test within sixty days prior to entry.

(iii) Obtain a permit.

(f) Goats imported into Ohio which originated from a non-accredited state or zone can only enter Ohio for the purposes of slaughter in compliance with rule 901:1-17-10 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Goats imported into Ohio for feeding purposes shall:

(1) Be accompanied by a permit number issued prior to entry or certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days prior to entry forwarded to the state of destination. The identification listed on the certificate may be the number of goats in the shipment, sex of goats, the type of goats, and approximate weight.

(2) Be quarantined to the premises of destination until the animal moves to immediate slaughter unless the goats comply with paragraph (B)(5) of this rule.

(3) Meet one of the following tuberculosis requirements:

(a) Originate from an accredited herd.

(b) Originate from an accredited free state or zone.

(c) Originate from a modified accredited advanced state or zone and be identified with official individual identification.

(d) Originate from a modified accredited state or zone and have:

(i) A negative tuberculosis test within sixty days prior to entry; and

(ii) Be identified with official individual identification.

(e) Goats imported into Ohio which originated from an accreditation preparatory or non-accredited state or zone will be prohibited from entering Ohio for feeding or grazing.



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- (4) Goats which are designated for feeding and grazing and are not in compliance with paragraphs (B)(1) to (B)(3) of this rule must meet the requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule.
 - (5) Goats imported into Ohio for feeding or grazing may later be utilized for breeding purposes with a permit from the department, which may stipulate additional requirements.
- (C) Official individual identification for goats as required by paragraph (A) of this rule shall mean that the goats are marked by one of the following:
- (1) Official ear tags which are approved by USDA for scrapie identification.
 - (2) Tattoos that have been:
 - (a) Approved for use in animals participating in a scrapie herd certification program;
 - (b) Approved by USDA for use in the scrapie eradication program; or
 - (c) Recorded in the record book of an animal registry association when the animal is accompanied by either a certificate of registration from the association or an owner/hauler statement.
 - (3) Microchips/electronic implantable identification (EID):

Registered goats may be identified with an EID if:

 - (a) The implant is placed between the skin and the cartilage of the back side of the ear near where the ear joins the head or between the skin and the bone of the tail near the base of the tail;
 - (b) The goat is tattooed with a legible "E" if the implant is at the base of the ear or "ET" if the implant is in the tail fold;
 - (c) The tattoo is at least 0.3 inches high in the ear or, in the case of earless animals, the tail fold;
 - (d) The animal is not in slaughter channels or moving through a concentration point where a transfer of ownership will occur, such as a livestock market or buying station, excluding sales of registered animals where an application for transfer of registration is completed and accompanies the animal when it leaves the sale or premises of origin;



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- (e) The electronic implant number has been recorded in the book of record of a goat registry association and on the registration certificate;
 - (f) The goat is accompanied by a copy of the registration certificate; and
 - (g) The goat is accompanied by an implant reader that can read the implant in the goat and is made available for use by Ohio department of agriculture or USDA authorities to verify the implant number in the goat.
- (D) All tuberculosis tests required by this rule must be conducted by an approved veterinarian.
- (E) Animals which travel out of Ohio for exhibition purposes in a modified accredited, accreditation preparatory, or non-accredited state or zone must meet the requirements set forth in paragraph (A) of this rule in order to return to or be imported into Ohio.