



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:1-17-08 Sheep.

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

- (1) Be accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days prior to entry and be identified with official individual identification;
- (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 veterinarian must attest to the following statement written on the interstate certificate of veterinary inspection:

"The sheep in this shipment are not known to be under any movement restrictions because of scrapie"; and

- (4) The consignee, upon request by an authorized representative of the department, shall provide information about the flock of birth of the animals in the shipment.

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

- (1) Be accompanied by a permit number issued prior to entry or interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days prior to entry forwarded to the state of destination. The identification listed on the permit or certificate may be the number of lambs in the shipment, sex of lambs, the type lambs, and approximate weight;
- (2) Be quarantined to premises of destination until the animals move to immediate slaughter unless the sheep comply with paragraph (B)(6) of this rule;
- (3) Be officially individually identified if eighteen months of age or greater;
- (4) Not be under any movement restrictions because of scrapie;
- (5) Sheep which are designated for feeding and grazing and are not in compliance with paragraphs (B)(1) to (B)(4) of this rule must meet the requirements of paragraph (A) of this rule; and
- (6) Sheep imported into Ohio for feeding or grazing may be later utilized for breeding purposes with a permit from the department, which may stipulate additional requirements.

(C) Official individual identification for sheep as required by this rule shall mean that the sheep are marked by either of the following:

- (1) Official ear tags which are approved by USDA for scrapie identification.



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(2) Tattoos that have been:

- (a) Approved for use in animals participating in a scrapie flock 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.