

Registry Tattoos Approved for Use as Official ID for the Scrapie Program

Background

The Code of Federal Regulation part 79.2 and the National Scrapie Program Eradication Standards allow sheep and goats to be officially identified with registry tattoos for movement in interstate commerce with some exceptions. This document describes the criteria for approving a breed registry's tattoos for this purpose, and provides a list of breed registries that are approved. Registries that were previously approved for the Scrapie Free Flock Certification Program are considered approved for this purpose also. These previously approved registries listed below will need to renew their approval by 4/1/2021. Future renewals will be required every 5 years.

Criteria for Approval of Registry Tattoos

- A. Each registry tattoo contains a unique premises or flock identification number assigned by the registry and a unique individual animal identification number;
- B. The unique tattoo is linked to records that will allow any association-registered sheep or goat to be traced to its flock of origin and birth; and
- C. The registry will, upon request, provide APHIS with information that will allow any association-registered sheep or goat to be traced to its flock of birth and any subsequent registered owners.

Registries seeking approval should send a letter on registry letterhead indicating how the registry meets the requirements in A and B and agreeing to item C and including a list of breeds registered and documentation that the registry is a legal entity and has registered sheep or goats. If the registry has changed names the previous name(s) and whether the registry maintains the records from before the name change(s). The letter must be signed by an authorized officer of the registry and sent to:

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Approved Registries

APHIS has approved the registry tattoos of the following organizations to be used as official identification

- American Boer Goat Association
- American Dairy Goat Association
- American Goat Society
- American Kiko Goat Association
- Cashmere Goat Association's North American Cashmere Goat Registry
- International Goat, Sheep, Camelid Registry (formerly doing business as the International Dairy Goat Registry, IDGR and IDGR-IFBR)

- International Kiko Goat Association
- Kinder Goat Breeders Association
- Miniature Dairy Goat Association
- Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association and Registry
- The Miniature Goat Registry
- Myotonic Goat Registry
- National Miniature Goat Association
- National Pygmy Goat Association
- Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association
- Pygora Breeders Association