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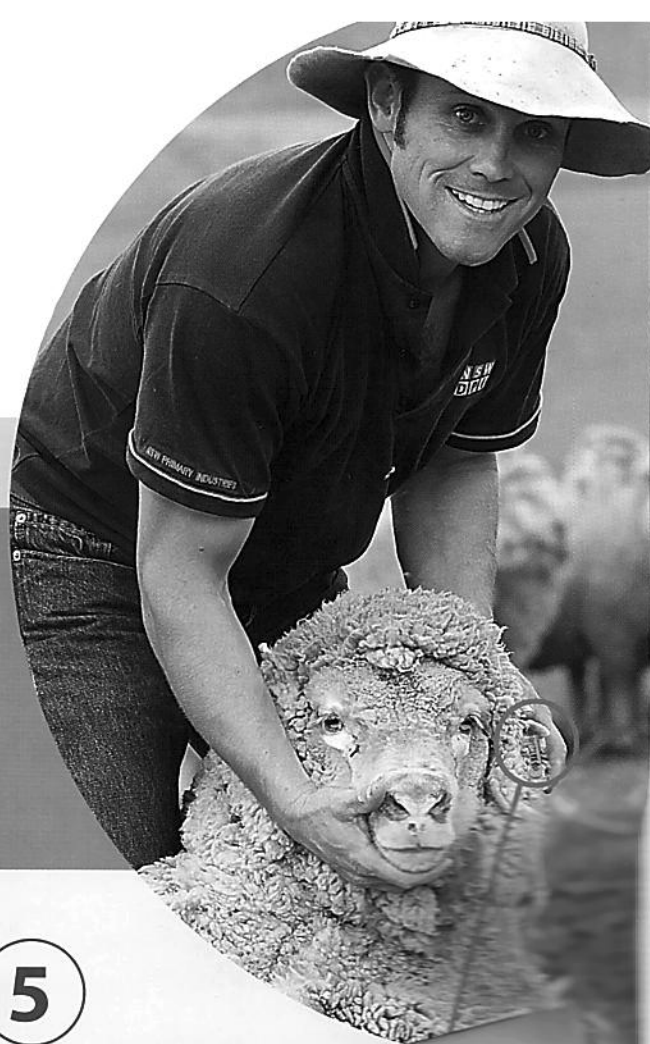
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The NLIS (sheep and goats) enhances Australia's ability to maintain access to key export markets and helps to quickly contain a major food safety or disease incident.

NLIS allows animals to be tracked from property of birth to slaughter, for biosecurity, food safety, product integrity and market access purposes.



STEP

1

Make sure you have a Property Identification Code (PIC)

Have you got an active PIC? Contact your nearest Local Land Services (LLS); phone 1300 795 299 or go to www.lls.nsw.gov.au.

STEP

2

Become accredited with the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) Program

To move stock off your property, you need to complete a National Vendor Declaration (Sheep or Goats NVD and Waybill).

To obtain a book of NVDs or an electronic NVD (eDec) with your PIC, you need to become accredited with Livestock Production Assurance (LPA).

Register at www.mla.com.au/lpa or phone 1800 683 111.

STEP

3

Order National Vendor Declarations (NVDs)

Order your NVDs via the LPA website or by phone.

NVDs are issued in a book of 20 pre-printed with your PIC details, or are available on the LPA website as an eDec.

Order at: www.mla.com.au/lpa or phone 1800 683 111.

STEP

4

Create a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) database account

All mob-based movements must be recorded on the NLIS database at www.nlis.com.au. Movements of:

- » sheep and goats to and from saleyards and to abattoirs are done by saleyard and abattoir operators
- » goats to and from depots are done by goat depot operators.

All other sheep and goat movements between PICs are recorded in the NLIS database by the receiver of the stock, e.g. when buying sheep in a private sale.

Remember!
Record your
NLIS user ID
and password.

Remember!
It's illegal to remove
any NLIS tags.



STEP

5

Purchase NLIS tags

NLIS tags can be ordered through your local rural merchandiser, LLS or tag manufacturer. Place your order at least 14 days before you need them.

WHAT TAGS DO I ORDER?

It's highly recommended that you use year of birth coloured tags in NSW.

For approved NLIS tags, visit the MLA website:
www.mla.com.au.

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Check sheep and goat tags

Before selling any stock, check each animal has an NLIS ear tag, with the exception of feral goats going direct to an abattoir or an approved goat depot.

For any bought-in sheep or goats (non-vendor bred), record the PIC from the tag of these animals on the NVD.

Stock without an ear tag must be tagged with a tag printed with your PIC. Breeder tags are to be used for home bred sheep, and pink post-breeder tags for bought-in stock.



BREEDER TAGS

Breeder tags are coloured, and are applied to animals born on your property.

SHEEP/GOAT BREEDER TAGS

Year		Colour
2008	2016	BLACK
2009	2017	WHITE
2010	2018	ORANGE
2011	2019	LIGHT GREEN
2012	2020	PURPLE
2013	2021	YELLOW
2014	2022	RED
2015	2023	SKY BLUE

POST-BREEDER TAGS

These are applied to sheep or goats no longer on their property of birth, or to introduced animals that have lost their original tag.

SHEEP/GOAT POST-BREEDER TAGS

Year	Colour
All	PINK

If you are applying a post-breeder tag, leave the *property of birth* tag in the ear, as well as applying the post-breeder tag.

STEP 7

Complete the NVD

The NVD or other movement document, such as a Transported Stock Statement, must be completed prior to movement of your stock.

- » The NVD is a legal document and must be completed correctly. Answer **all** questions.
- » If you have sheep from several PICs in the consignment, you must list all PICs on the NVD. Use an attachment form if they don't all fit on the NVD.
- » Use an NVD for the agistment property if you are selling sheep from agistment.
- » Keep your copy of the completed NVD for 7 years.

STEP 8

Complete transfer on NLIS database

NLIS Sheep and Goats is a mob-based system. Complete a transfer in 4 simple steps.

1. Log onto the database, with your user ID and password.
2. Select Mob-based movement off or onto PIC. You can choose one of two methods of entering data – type in the details (simplest), or upload a file.
3. Enter the following details:
 - a. Species
 - b. Date of movement
 - c. From PIC and number of head
 - d. To PIC
 - e. NVD Serial Number
 - f. Other PICS listed on NVD
 - g. Has the stock been bred by the vendor?
 - h. NVD image (if possible).
4. Follow prompts to confirm details and send the information to the database.

With sheep and goats, all you need to know to complete an NLIS transfer, is what's on the NVD: the PIC the animals are from, the PIC you are moving animals to, date, number of head, NVD serial number, whether stock were vendor bred, and other PICs.

REMEMBER: Saleyards record movements of sheep and goats to and from their premises, and abattoirs record movements to the abattoir. Agents can assist in recording movements of sheep and goats onto your property after a private livestock sale.

NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION (SHEEP AND LAMBS) AND WAYBILL S0413 87654321

Part A To be completed by the owner or person who is responsible for the husbandry of the sheep or lambs.

Owner of sheep or lambs Bill Smith
 Property/place where the journey commenced Hillview 123 Jones Rd Smithsville NSW 2000
 Property Identification Code (PIC) of this property NK470000
 Description of sheep or lambs

Number	Year born	Description	Month of shearing	PICs on Ear Tags/Brands	Comments
100	2015	X-bred lambs	December	NG123456 NK472222	SSD SSD SSD SSD
100	Total				

Ensure all PICs in this consignment are listed here.

Have PICs on all NLIS tags in this consignment been listed in the Description table above (other than the PIC printed on this NVD)? Yes ☐ No ☐
 Have all sheep in this consignment been tagged with an additional pink post breeder tag with the PIC printed on this NVD? (or WA brand as listed in the Description table above)? Yes ☐ No ☐
 Hours off feed and water before transporting 2
 Consigned to David Sweet Smithsville
 Destination (if different) of sheep or lambs Smithsville
 Details of other statutory documents relating to this movement e.g. health statement

1 Have these sheep or lambs been raised consistent with the rules of an Independent audited QA program on the property the PIC of which is shown above?
 Yes ☐ No ☒ If Yes, give details: _____

2 Have all the sheep or lambs in this consignment been treated with a Scabby Mouth Vaccination either at marking or at least 14 days prior to their presentation for sale?
 Yes ☒ No ☐

3 Were all of these sheep or lambs bred by the owner or vendor?
 Yes ☐ No ☒ If NO, how long ago were the sheep or lambs obtained or purchased?
 A Less than 2 months ☐ B 2-6 months ☒ C 6-12 months ☐ D more than 12 months ☐

4 Are any of the sheep or lambs in this consignment still within a Withholding Period (WHP) or Export Slaughter Interval (ESI) as set by APVMA or SAFEMEAT, following treatment with any veterinary drug or chemical?
 Yes ☐ No ☒ If Yes, give details: (Record additional details in box below) _____

5 In the past 60 days, have any of the sheep or lambs in this consignment consumed any material that was still within a withholding period when harvested, collected or first grazed?
 Yes ☐ No ☒ If Yes, give details: _____

6 Have the sheep or lambs in this consignment ever in their lives been fed feed containing animal fats? (See Explanatory Notes)
 Yes ☐ No ☒

7 Please include any additional information below
 eg: vaccination programs, animal health certification, additional _____

Declaration
 I, Bill Smith
Smithsville
 declare that, I am the owner or the person or lambs and that all the information in part A also declare that I have read and understood the explanatory notes and the sheep or lambs were not fed restricted in a breach of State or Territory legislation.
 Signature [Signature]
 Tel no. 0410 11111

Part B To be completed by the person in charge of the sheep or lambs when they are being moved.
 Completion of this part is optional in SA and NT.
 Movement commenced: 13 2016 07:00 (am/pm)
 Vehicle registration number(s): LMB 000
 I, Joe Bloggs am the person in charge of the sheep or lambs during the movement and declare all the information in Part B is true and correct.
 Signature [Signature] Date 13 2016 Tel no. 0411 222222
 *When more than one truck is carrying the sheep or lambs, other vehicle registration numbers are to be recorded.

Part C Agents declaration for sheep or lambs sold at auction. (Completion of Part C is optional.)
 Agents completing Part C should retain the original (or a scanned copy of the original declaration) or a summary for a minimum of two (2) years, or three (3) years in WA and supply a copy or summary to any buyer on request.
 Vendor code _____ Agent's code _____
 Stock agent company _____
 Buyer's name _____ Destination PIC _____
 No. of sheep or lambs purchased _____ Saleyard arrival time (am/pm) _____
 Agent's signature _____ Date 20 _____

Remember!
 It's illegal to make alterations to the pre-printed PIC on the NVD.

LPA

For more information or help to complete a mob-based movement on the NLIS database, call 1800 654 473, or Local Land Services 1300 795 299.

Selling non-vendor bred sheep or goats

Biosecurity & Food Safety NSW

Record my PIC or tag me

Did you breed the stock you are about to sell? If not, answer 'NO' on the LPA NVD and record how long you have had them.

3 Were all of these sheep or lambs bred by the owner or vendor?
 Yes ☐ No ☒ If NO, how long ago were the sheep or lambs obtained or purchased?
 A. Less than 2 months ☐ B. 2-6 months ☐ C. 6-12 months ☒ D. more than 12 months ☐

Make sure you also record all the PIC numbers of the sheep or goats you are selling in the description box on the LPA NVD. The only accurate way to do this is to manually read all NLIS tags in the consignment going to sale.

Alternatively, use post-breeder tags. These tags are pink and used to identify sheep and goats no longer on the property on which they were born, as well as introduced animals that have lost their original breeder tag. It means you are protected.

Option 1

A vendor who lists ALL PICs present in the consignment.

Property Identification Code (PIC) of this property					NA123456	
Description of sheep or lambs						
Number	Year born (DPO)	Description (BREED, SEX & TYPE E.G. CROSS-BRED, WETHER, LAMB)	Month of shearing	PICs on Ear Tags/Brands (IF DIFFERENT TO PIC SHOWN ABOVE)	Earmarks (IF PRESENT OR REQUIRED)	
450	2010	Merino wethers		NK470000		
				NF987654		
				SA234567		
				QABC1234		
				3BCDA456		
450	Total	Use the Attachment Forms for consignments that require more lines to describe the stock. (See Explanatory Notes)				

Have PICs on all NLIS tags in this consignment been listed in the Description table above (other than the PIC printed on this NVD)? Yes ☒ No ☐
 OR
 Have all sheep in this consignment been tagged with an additional pink post breeder tag with the PIC printed on this NVD? (or WA brand as listed in the Description table above)? Yes ☐ No ☒

Don't forget you must keep copies of your NVDs for seven years.



Options for completing your National Vendor Declaration (NVD)

Vendors selling sheep and goats that are already identified with a NLIS tag have two options:

- 1 Record on their NVD all PICs printed on the NLIS tags attached to the animals in the consignment
- OR
- 2 Identify each animal with a NLIS pink post-breeder tag that matches your PIC printed on your NVD.

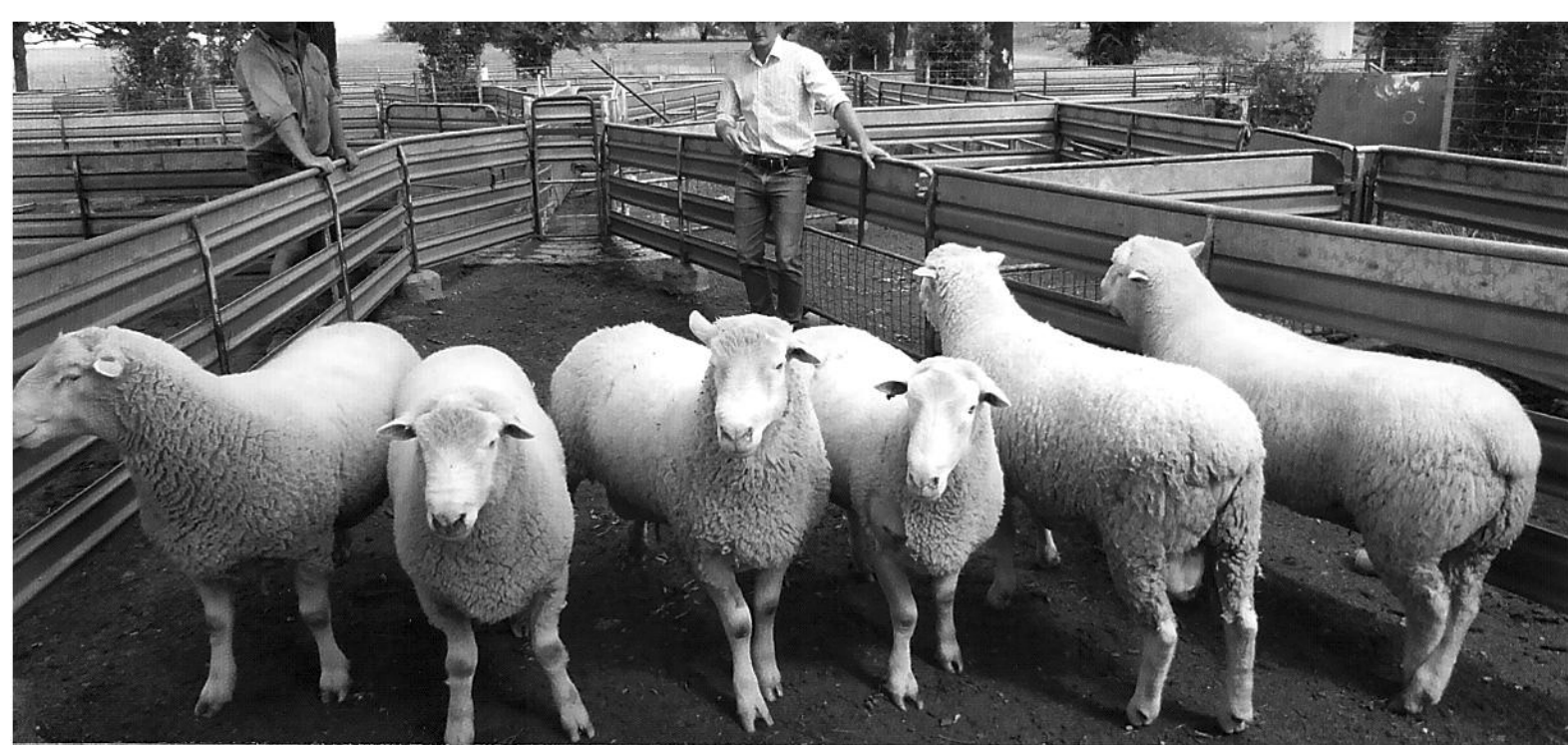
Option 2

A vendor who uses pink post-breeder tags.

Property Identification Code (PIC) of this property					NA123456	
Description of sheep or lambs						
Number	Year born (DPO)	Description (BREED, SEX & TYPE E.G. CROSS-BRED, WETHER, LAMB)	Month of shearing	PICs on Ear Tags/Brands (IF DIFFERENT TO PIC SHOWN ABOVE)	Earmarks (IF PRESENT OR REQUIRED)	
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450	Total	Use the Attachment Forms for consignments that require more lines to describe the stock. (See Explanatory Notes)				

Have PICs on all NLIS tags in this consignment been listed in the Description table above (other than the PIC printed on this NVD)? Yes ☐ No ☒
 OR
 Have all sheep in this consignment been tagged with an additional pink post breeder tag with the PIC printed on this NVD? (or WA brand as listed in the Description table above)? Yes ☒ No ☐

Don't risk being fined for non-compliance.



Pink post-breeder tags

National Livestock Identification system post-breeder tags are available from your local rural merchandiser, tag manufacturer or Local Land Services. Your Property Identification Code (PIC) is printed on these tags.

NLIS post-breeder tags can be used when reselling sheep not bred by you, and are to be attached to the sheep's ear. You do not remove the previous owner's tag as it remains in the ear for traceability. It is illegal to remove any NLIS device, and you can be fined or prosecuted for doing so.



Checklist before selling

- » Ensure all sheep and goats are tagged with an NLIS device.
- » Any non-vendor bred sheep or goats missing tags must be identified with a post-breeder tag.
- » Complete your NVD ensuring all sections are filled out and record all PICs present in the consignment if a post-breeder tag hasn't been applied.
- » Complete relevant health statements.

More Information

Biosecurity & Food Safety NSW
nlis@dpi.nsw.gov.au

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/
livestock/nlis/sheep-goats](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/agriculture/livestock/nlis/sheep-goats)

Local Land Services
 1300 795 299
www.lls.nsw.gov.au

NLIS Database
 1300 720 405
www.nlis.mla.com.au

National Vendor Declarations
 1800 683 111
www.mla.com.au/lpa

Animal Health Statements
www.farmbiosecurity.com.au





Completing Sheep National Vendor Declarations (NVD) correctly

Answer all questions on the NVD

Only use an NVD that matches the PIC where the sheep came from.

Sign the declaration!

NATIONAL VENDOR DECLARATION (SHEEP AND LAMBS) AND WAYBILL

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Part A To be completed by the owner or person who is responsible for the husbandry of the sheep or lambs.

Owner of sheep or lambs: Bill Smith

Property/place where the journey commenced: Hillview
123 Jones Road Smithsville NSW 2000

Property Identification Code (PIC) of this property: NK470000

Description of sheep or lambs

Number	Year born (EOP)	Description (BREED, SEX & TYPE, E.G. CROSSBRED, WETHER, LAMB)	Month of shearing	PICs on Ear Tags/Brands (IF SHEEP OR LAMBS ARE IDENTIFIED)	Earmarks (IF PRESENT OR REQUIRED)
100	2015	X-bred lambs	DEC	NG123456 NK472222	SD

100 Total

Have PICs on all NLIS tags in this consignment been listed in the Description table above (other than the PIC printed on this NVD)? Yes ☒ No ☐

OR

Have all sheep in this consignment been tagged with an additional pink post-breeder tag with the PIC printed on this NVD? (or WA brand as listed in the Description table above)? Yes ☒ No ☐

Hours off feed and water before transporting: 2

Consigned to: David Street
Smithsville

Destination (if different) of sheep or lambs: Smithsville Station

Details of other statutory documents relating to this movement e.g. health statement

Part B To be completed by the person in charge of the sheep or lambs while they are being moved. Completion of this part is optional in SA and VIC.

Movement commenced: 1/3/2016 07:00 (am/pm)

Vehicle registration number(s): LM8000

I, Joe Briggs am the person in charge of the sheep or lambs during the movement and declare all the information in Part B is true and correct.

Signature: J Briggs Date: 1/3/2016 Tel no: 0400000000

Part C Agents declaration for sheep or lambs sold at auction. (Completion of Part C is optional.)

Agents completing Part C should retain the original or a scanned copy of the original declaration or a summary for a minimum of two (2) years, or three (3) years in WA and supply a copy or summary to any buyer on request.

Vendor code: _____ Agent's code: _____

Stock agent company: _____

Buyer's name: _____ Destination PIC: _____

No. of sheep or lambs purchased: _____ Saleyard arrival time (am/pm): _____

Agent's signature: _____ Date: _____

If **No** to Question 3, indicate how long you have owned the sheep by ticking a box, and **DO EITHER:**

Option 1

List all PICs printed on NLIS tags attached to sheep in the mob and tick **Yes** to the first question.

OR

Option 2

Tag each sheep with a NLIS pink post-breeder tag that matches the NVD PIC and tick **Yes** to the second question.

Don't leave home without a correct NVD!

For more information on NVDs, contact LPA on **1800 683 111** or go to **mla.com.au/lpa**