Integrity Systems
red meat customer assurance

Meeting integrity system requirements: Goat producers

A system of on-farm assurance, animal identification and traceability from paddock to plate guarantees the integrity of Australia's $18.4 billion red meat industry, including the $257 million goat meat export industry.

Key actions

✓ Have a Property Identification Code (PIC)

✓ Get accredited with the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program

✓ Use an LPA National Vendor Declaration (NVD) for every mob or lot every time they move from one property to another, to processors or to saleyards

✓ Create a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) account and know the requirements for your state or territory

✓ Ensure each animal has an NLIS device (also known as a tag) and each of its movements is recorded in the NLIS database, unless a tagging exemption applies

✓ Consider providing an Animal Health Declaration when selling livestock or ask for a copy when buying livestock

The integrity system consists of the Livestock Production Assurance (LPA) program, LPA National Vendor Declarations (NVDs) and the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS). It protects the disease-free status of Australian red meat and underpins the marketing of our product as clean, safe and natural.

Australia's red meat integrity system ensures the livestock industry, including goat producers, can stand by what it sells. All producers farming or harvesting goats should ensure they understand their responsibilities under the integrity system.

Property Identification Code

All livestock owners in Australia must have a Property Identification Code (PIC), a unique 8-character code for the land where the livestock are held. This PIC must be stated on the LPA NVD. PICs are obtained from your State Department of Agriculture or Local Land Services in NSW.

Livestock Production Assurance

The LPA program is the Australian industry's on-farm assurance program underpinned by seven key elements covering food safety, animal welfare and biosecurity. LPA provides evidence of livestock history and on-farm practices when transferring livestock through the value chain.

Producers who choose to become LPA accredited commit to carrying out on-farm practices that support the integrity of the entire system. These practices are:

- Property risk assessments
- Safe and responsible animal treatments
- Stock foods, fodder crops, grain and pasture treatments

- Preparation for dispatch of livestock
- Livestock transactions and movements
- Biosecurity
- Animal welfare

To gain accreditation, producers complete online learning modules through the LPA Service Centre, complete a short assessment to demonstrate their knowledge of program requirements, and pay a fee. Once accredited, producers must meet the requirements of each element, and are subject to random audits.

Processors may reject your stock if you are not LPA accredited.

For more information on how to meet LPA requirements, visit www.integritysystems.com.au

National Vendor Declaration

Central to Australia's red meat integrity system is the LPA NVD which communicates the food safety status of every mob or lot every time they move from one property to another, to processors or to saleyards. The LPA NVD enables traceability of product.

Goat producers should ensure they are using the correct version of the LPA NVD – May 2017 (0517) Goats.

LPA NVDs are available in three formats – hard copy booklets, electronic (eNVD) and eDEC (electronic version of the hard copy). For more information on format options, visit the LPA Service Centre at http://lpa.nlis.com.au/

National Livestock Identification System

The NLIS is Australia's system for the identification and traceability of cattle, sheep and goats. The NLIS reflects Australia's commitment to biosecurity and food safety, and provides a competitive advantage in a global market.

The NLIS combines three elements to enable the lifetime traceability of animals:

- An animal identifier (a visual or electronic ear tag, known as a device)
- Identification of a physical location by means of a PIC
- A web-accessible database to store and correlate movement data and associated details
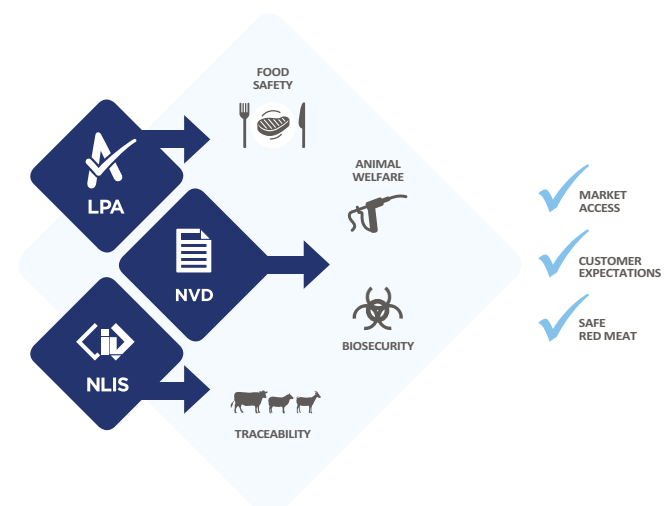
As goats are bought, sold and moved along the supply chain, they must be tagged with an NLIS-accredited tag or device, unless they are eligible to be moved tag free in your state or territory.

The NLIS is underpinned by state and territory legislation, which forms the regulatory framework for the system. Producers need to comply with relevant legislation in the jurisdiction in which they operate.

The basic requirements of the NLIS for goat producers are:

- All goat properties must have a PIC
- All goat movements must be accompanied by an LPA NVD or alternate documentation
- All goats must be tagged with an accredited NLIS tag or device before being moved off a property, unless a tagging exemption applies (rangeland goats harvested from the wild and dairy goats are exempt from tagging in some states and territories)
- When moving goats that are non-vendor bred animals and which have not been previously tagged, post-breeder devices must be applied (unless there is a tagging exemption for the movement)
- Check with your state/territory NLIS authority to find out what exemptions apply in your jurisdiction

This information is current as of **November 2019**, but requirements do change. Producers should check with their relevent state or territory body for up to date information.

Australia's red meat integrity system

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Recording movements on the NLIS database

All goat movements to a different PIC must be recorded centrally on the NLIS database by people with NLIS accounts. Exactly who is responsible for updating the database depends on the requirements of the state jurisdictions.

Generally, responsibility for recording the NLIS transfer is as follows, but check with your relevant state or territory body to confirm:

- For private sales, the buyer/receiver of the livestock must record the livestock movement onto their property
- If livestock are bought, sold or moved through a saleyard, the livestock movement must be recorded by the saleyard
- Abattoirs must notify the database of all livestock slaughtered
- The vendor/sender of the livestock is not obligated to record the movement off their property, although they may do so
- Timeframes for notifying the NLIS database vary between states. Please check your state or territory body.

Movement of goats between states requires additional documentation. Goats must be accompanied by a completed health certificate from the appropriate authority in the importing state.

Animal Health Declarations

National Animal Heath Declarations are a way for producers to provide information about the animal health status of their livestock. Buyers should ask for a copy and use the information provided to determine the health risks associated with the animals offered for sale.

For more information, visit www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/toolkit/declarations-and-statements

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