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SHEEP IDENTIFICATION AND MOVEMENT IMPORTANT INFORMATION

BAM (IMSA) regulations 2013

WHO IT AFFECTS

Owners of sheep.

All owners of livestock are required to register as an Owner of Stock. They will be issued with a brand, earmark and one or more PICs according to the number of properties owned.

This registration is current for 3 years so keep contact details up to date with DAFWA.

WHEN DOES IT APPLY

When sheep are moved ONTO or FROM your property.

Think: TAGS, DOCUMENTS, NLIS DATABASE

Tags

- All sheep bred on your property must be tagged with an NLIS approved, year coloured tag with your registered brand printed on one side, before six months of age. (Exceptions do apply). Please talk to your local DAFWA representative.
- Sheep not bred on your property must be tagged with a NLIS approved PINK tag with your registered brand printed on one side, before leaving your property.

Movement Documents

All Sheep, alive or dead, must be accompanied with a correctly filled out waybill produced by the owner or his representative.

All movements of sheep must have one of the appropriate following documents accompany the animals and a copy must be kept for 7 years.

- an approved waybill
- a current combined National Vendor Declaration (NVD) /waybill
- a saleyard operator's buyer reconciliation or sale summary document
- a Movement Permit issued by a stock inspector

All NVD and Waybills **MUST SHOW** the PICs of **BOTH** the consigning **AND** destination properties. It is to be provided by the owner/manager where the stock began the journey.

Database

It is the responsibility of the **NEW STOCK OWNER** to **UPDATE** the NLIS database of any livestock movement onto their property **WITHIN** 48hrs of **stock arrival**.

MOVEMENT OF STOCK BETWEEN PROPERTIES

Sheep can be moved without a waybill between the properties with the same PIC listed on your PIC card, provided you carry your PIC card or a full copy of it and the animals are registered or identified to that PIC, or be carrying a current permit issued by your local stock inspector.

Please refer to www.agric.wa.gov.au or www.nlis.com.au for more information or for movements outside of the state.



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