



Sheep and goat eID information for processors

Mandatory individual electronic identification (eID) is replacing the mob-based visual tag system for sheep and goats as part of a national traceability initiative.

Queensland will transition to eID for sheep and goats in two stages:

1. Sheep and goats **born on or after 1 January 2025** must be identified with a National Livestock Identification System (NLIS)-accredited eID device before leaving their property of birth.
2. **From 1 January 2027, all other sheep and goats** leaving a property must be identified with an NLIS-accredited eID device before leaving the property.

Processors must have the ability to read and upload eID devices consigned to their facility for slaughter as of 1 January 2025.

Requirements for processors and abattoirs

By 1 January 2025

- Install eID readers (permanent or handheld), software and hardware.
- Complete any required staff training on how to use all new eID equipment and software.
- Conduct testing of eID scanning and recording capability before 1 January 2025 to identify and mitigate any issues.

Note: Delivery times for eID reading equipment may vary depending on type and supplier. Contact your preferred supplier as soon as possible to ensure you are ready for 1 January 2025.

From 1 January 2025

- Scan and upload NLIS movement information for individual sheep and goats fitted with eIDs.
- Record all mob-based consignments of visual tags as per NLIS requirements until 1 January 2027.

From 1 January 2025 to 1 January 2027 there will be two types of uploads to the NLIS database:

1. Sheep and goats identified with an eID device are to be individually scanned and uploaded to the NLIS database. The printed NLIS number can be used instead of the RFID as part of the upload notification.
2. Mob-based uploads for sheep and goats with a visual tag slaughtered at the facility.

This ensures that both types of uploads are effectively managed during this period, and livestock cohorts can be traced in the event of an emergency animal disease or chemical residue incident.



From 1 January 2027

All sheep and managed goats will have all movements recorded as individual uploads to the NLIS database.

Queensland requires all sheep and managed goats be fitted with an approved NLIS device before leaving their property.

Processors are to notify Biosecurity Queensland of any livestock that do not meet this requirement (untagged) within the required time frame.

Vendor declarations

All sheep and goats moving to processing facilities must be accompanied by the correct movement documentation.

The processor should confirm that a completed NVD (or post sale summary or buyers' reconciliation report with all required information) has been provided.

Records

The processor must keep a copy of NVDs for 5 years. This requirement is met if an image of the NVD is uploaded to the NLIS database.

Unsuccessful read rates

Potential causes of eID tags not being read successfully are:

- damaged eID device
- reader interference
- damaged reader.

If the issue is with the eID device, you may have to manually record the visual NLIS ID number (printed on the eID).

If the issue is with your reader or other equipment, contact your equipment manufacturer.

Goats with an eID leg band

Any goats presenting for processing with leg bands are required to have the leg bands scanned and uploaded into the NLIS database (the leg-band contains a microchip).

This may be completed by scanning with a handheld reader, positioning a fixed panel reader to scan the goats' back legs, or recording the NLIS serial number manually.

NLIS database uploads

The NLIS database is the critical tracing tool which will be used to rapidly trace sheep and goats in any emergency animal disease or chemical residue incident.



The processor is responsible for ensuring kill data is uploaded to the NLIS database on the day of kill or by close of business on the next working day. A Friday kill may be uploaded the following Monday.

The abattoir must have a 'Processor' NLIS database account linked to the abattoir. An account can be opened through the NLIS database website or by contacting Integrity Systems Company (ISC) on 1800 683 111.

Please ensure all species are listed prior to 1 January 2025.

More information

- [NLIS Database User Guide for Processors, Livestock with electronic devices](#)
- [NLIS Database – Tech Tip – Sheep and Goats Mob-based kill upload](#)
- [NLIS database Tech Tip PIC and device status codes](#)
- Integrity Systems phone 1800 683 111, email: support@integritysystems.com.au

