Federal Sheep and Goat Official Identification Decision
Tree for Animals in Interstate Commerce*

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Are the animals Sexually Intact?
- Yes
- No

Are the animals in Slaughter Channels?
- Yes
- No

Are the animals <18 months of age?
- Yes
- No

Are the animals <18m of age (includes both single and mixed source)?
- Yes
- No

Are the animals moving for management or grazing purposes* or to a federally approved market?
- Yes
- No

Are the animals from a single source?
- Yes
- No

Official Animal ID and an Owner Hauler Statement required

An Owner Hauler Statement including Group Identification Number can be used instead of Official Animal ID and Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

Official Animal ID and an Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required

Official Animal ID required (no Owner Hauler Statement or Certificate of Veterinary Inspection required)

Are the animals crossing state lines?
- Yes
- No

*These rules begin applying when the animal first enters interstate commerce which includes but is not limited to animals unloaded at markets, sales, exhibitions or other sites where interstate commerce occurs; moved across a state line; sold to an out-of-state buyer; or animals acquired by people who engage in interstate commerce.

**Only applies when both premises are owned or leased by the same person and there is no commingling with other unidentified animals from another herd.