



Goat Registry Tattoos Approved for Use in the Scrapie Free Flock Certification Program (SFCP)

Background

The Scrapie Free Flock Certification Program (SFCP) standards allow an approved registry's tattoos to be used by SFCP participants to identify registered goats enrolled in the program. This document describes the criteria for approving a breed registry's tattoos for this purpose and provides a list of breed registries that have had their tattoos approved. **A list of approved registries is maintained on the APHIS SFCP Web page.**

Criteria/Protocol for Approval of Registry Tattoos

Registry tattoos may be used as official identification for goats enrolled in the SFCP if the registry has provided the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) with a letter indicating that:

- A. Each registry tattoo contains a unique premises identification number assigned by the registry and a unique individual animal identification number;
- B. The unique tattoo is linked to records that will allow any association-registered goat to be traced to its flock of origin and birth; and
- C. The registry will, upon request, provide APHIS with information that will allow any association-registered goat to be traced to its flock of origin.

Registries seeking to become approved should send a letter, on registry letterhead and signed by an authorized officer of the registry to:

**Dr. Diane L. Sutton
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Sheep, Goat, Cervid & Equine Health Center
Surveillance, Preparedness and Response Services
USDA, APHIS, VS
4700 River Rd., Unit 43
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Approved Registries

APHIS has approved the registry tattoos of the following organizations to be used as official identification for the SFCP:

- American Boer Goat Association
- American Dairy Goat Association
- American Goat Society
- American Kiko Goat Association
- International Kiko Goat Association

- Miniature Dairy Goat Association
- Miniature Silky Fainting Goat Association and Registry
- Myotonic Goat Registry
- National Miniature Goat Association
- National Pygmy Goat Association
- Nigerian Dwarf Goat Association
- Pygora Breeders Association
- The Miniature Goat Registry