

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE  
STATE QUARANTINE OFFICER**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1-25, NRS 562.250 and 571.130; §§26-28, NRS 562.250; §§29 and 30, NRS 562.250 and 571.210.

A REGULATION relating to animals; providing identification procedures for certain goats and sheep to help control and eradicate scrapie; revising provisions governing the entry of goats and sheep into this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Section 1.** Chapter 571 of NAC is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 27, inclusive, of this regulation.

**Sec. 2.** *“Approved laboratory” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

**Sec. 3.** *“Breeding animal” means any sexually intact goat or sheep that is not moving through slaughter channels to slaughter.*

**Sec. 4.** *“Exposed animal” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

**Sec. 5.** *“Exposed flock” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

**Sec. 6.** *“Flock” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

**Sec. 7.** *“Genetically less susceptible exposed sheep” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part I of the Uniform Methods and Rules.*

**Sec. 8.** *“Genetically resistant exposed sheep” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part I of the Uniform Methods and Rules.*

Sec. 9. *“Genetically susceptible exposed animal” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part I of the Uniform Methods and Rules.*

Sec. 10. *“High-risk animal” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 11. *“Inconsistent state” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 12. *“Infected flock” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 13. *“Low-risk commercial flock” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part I of the Uniform Methods and Rules.*

Sec. 14. *“Low-risk commercial goat” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part I of the Uniform Methods and Rules.*

Sec. 15. *“Low-risk commercial sheep” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 16. *“Low-risk exposed animal” has the meaning ascribed to it in Part I of the Uniform Methods and Rules.*

Sec. 17. *“Noncompliant flock” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 18. *“Official scrapie identification” means a method of identification approved by the United States Department of Agriculture as set forth in 9 C.F.R. § 79.2.*

Sec. 19. *“Scrapie” means a nonfebrile, transmissible, insidious degenerative disease affecting the central nervous system of goat and sheep.*

Sec. 20. *“Scrapie-positive animal” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 21. *“Slaughter channels” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 22. *“Source flock” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 23. *“Suspect animal” has the meaning ascribed to it in 9 C.F.R. § 79.1.*

Sec. 24. *“Test-positive animal” means a goat or sheep that tests positive to an official test for scrapie.*

**Sec. 25.** *“Uniform Methods and Rules” means the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules, published by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service of the United States Department of Agriculture on June 1, 2005, which is hereby adopted by reference. A copy of this publication may be obtained free of charge at the Internet address <http://aphisweb.aphis.usda.gov/vs/nahps/scrapie/umr.pdf>.*

**Sec. 26. 1.** *A person who exhibits a goat or sheep at an exhibition, show or fair shall provide for the goat or sheep official scrapie identification to its flock of birth.*

*2. A person who transfers ownership of a goat or sheep within Nevada shall provide for the goat or sheep official scrapie identification to its flock of birth if the goat or sheep is:*

*(a) A goat or sheep that is not in slaughter channels, excluding:*

*(1) A low-risk commercial goat; or*

*(2) A low-risk commercial sheep that is under 18 months of age from a low-risk commercial flock;*

*(b) A sheep that is 18 months of age or older;*

*(c) An exposed animal;*

*(d) A suspect animal;*

*(e) A test-positive animal;*

*(f) A high-risk animal;*

*(g) A low-risk exposed animal;*

*(h) A genetically susceptible exposed animal;*

*(i) A genetically less susceptible exposed sheep;*

*(j) A genetically resistant exposed sheep; or*

*(k) A goat or sheep from a noncompliant flock.*

3. *A person shall not remove a goat or sheep from slaughter channels unless the animal:*

*(a) Has official scrapie identification to its flock of birth;*

*(b) Is not from an inconsistent state; and*

*(c) Is not an:*

*(1) Exposed animal;*

*(2) Animal from an infected flock; or*

*(3) Animal from a source flock.*

**Sec. 27.** *The owner of a goat or sheep which is a high-risk animal and which is female and has given birth, a scrapie-positive animal or a suspect animal, upon the death or destruction of the animal, shall:*

*1. Submit tissue from the animal to an approved laboratory; and*

*2. If the animal is a scrapie-positive animal or suspect animal, dispose of the carcass of the animal in accordance with NRS 571.200.*

**Sec. 28.** NAC 571.002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

571.002 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NAC 571.0025 to 571.018, inclusive, *and sections 2 to 25, inclusive, of this regulation* have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

**Sec. 29.** NAC 571.035 is hereby amended to read as follows:

571.035 A person shall not ship, transport or otherwise move sheep into Nevada unless:

1. Each sheep is ~~accompanied by~~ *individually identified using official scrapie identification and is specified on* a health certificate *that includes:*

*(a) A statement by the issuing veterinarian that the sheep is not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of examination;*

*(b) A statement by the owner verifying that the sheep is not a scrapie-positive animal, suspect animal, high-risk animal or exposed animal and that the sheep did not originate from an infected flock, source flock, exposed flock or noncompliant flock;*

*(c) For a breeding animal, the flock of birth of the sheep; and*

*(d) A unique identifying number for the sheep that is consistent with official scrapie identification, and an entry permit . ~~{}~~*

2. All breeding rams that are 6 months of age or older are tested for *Brucella ovis* on the Enzyme Linked Immunoabsorbent Assay (ELISA) test and react negatively to that test within 30 days before entry into this State . ~~{; and}~~

3. The person complies with any additional rules *and regulations* governing the importation of sheep adopted by the State ~~{Board of Sheep Commissioners. The State Board is located at 339 West Rockwood, Elko, Nevada 89801, telephone number 775.753.8233.}~~ *Quarantine Officer.*

**Sec. 30.** NAC 571.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

571.060 1. A person shall not ship, transport or otherwise move goats into Nevada unless each goat is ~~{accompanied by}~~ *individually identified using official scrapie identification and is specified on* a health certificate *that includes:*

*(a) A statement by the issuing veterinarian that the goat is not exhibiting clinical signs associated with scrapie at the time of examination;*

*(b) A statement signed by the owner certifying that the goat is not a scrapie-positive animal, suspect animal, high-risk animal or exposed animal and that the goat did not originate from an infected flock, source flock, exposed flock or noncompliant flock; and*

*(c) A unique identifying number for the goat that is consistent with official scrapie identification, and an entry permit.*

2. In addition to the requirements of subsection 1, a goat imported into Nevada for dairy or breeding purposes must have reacted negatively to tests for tuberculosis and brucellosis within the 30 days before the date of entry.