



Importing Livestock for Immediate Slaughter into New York State

Livestock moved into New York for Immediate Slaughter must be slaughtered **within six (6) days (144 hours)**. Animals imported for this purpose must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) (completed by a USDA Category 2 accredited veterinarian) or an Owner-Shipper Statement.

- A **certificate of veterinary inspection** is a document from the state of origin which provides complete information on each animal including health data, tests, origin, destination and identification and which certifies that the animals to be shipped meet New York State health requirements for importation. **Certificates of veterinary inspection are void 30 days after date of preparation thereof.**
- An **owner-shipper statement** (formerly known as a **waybill**) must include the date of preparation, name and address of the owner or shipper, point from which the animals are moved interstate, name and address of the person or firm accepting delivery in NY, the number of species covered by the waybill, individual animal identification number(s), species, age, sex of each animal in shipment, a statement that the animals are being brought into this state for immediate slaughter and the written and complete signature of the owner or shipper. **An owner-shipper statement shall be void eight (8) days after date of preparation thereof.**

Livestock imported for immediate slaughter must move directly to the designated location (unless noted below); they may not be unloaded at any other premises or allowed to come in contact with other animals while en route (unless otherwise noted below).

Specific Requirements

Cattle – If cattle are moved to a specifically approved stockyard, they shall only be sold to a recognized slaughtering establishment; such cattle shall not be sold, given away or exchanged except for the authorized agent of the slaughtering establishment.

Goats & Sheep – Goats & sheep 18 months and older must be identified with a USDA approved Scrapie Eradication ear tag.

Swine – Swine entering the state for immediate slaughter shall be consigned only to an approved slaughtering establishment, or to a commission sale firm designated as specifically approved by the USDA to accept swine moved interstate.

Cervids – A permit authorizing movement must be obtained from the Department prior to movement. All animals moved must be individually identified with an approved identification tag and all identification recorded on the permit.

Additionally for CWD susceptible cervids: Same as above, except that the slaughter facility must be an approved CWD susceptible cervid slaughter facility, samples must be obtained from ten percent or 30 cervids (whichever is less) and all waste must be disposed of in accordance with the approved disposal plan. CWD susceptible cervids must originate from source herds in states with no known cases of CWD in the previous 60 months.