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**National Livestock Identification Scheme**  
**(NLIS) Policy**

1. PIMC has endorsed the National Performance Standards on Traceability; NLIS (Goats) is to commence on 1 January 2006. Full compliance with the Standards will not be achieved for some time beyond that date.
2. All States will require Property Identification Codes (PICs) for goat properties in their jurisdiction by 1 January 2006.
3. All States will mandate the use of movement documentation (State Waybill or National Vendor Declaration (NVD)) for all goats by or from 1 January 2006.
4. All States will require all Farmed Goats born after 1 January 2006 to be identified with a visual ear tag (breeder tag) before they leave the property of birth. The definition of "leave the property" is intended to include movements where there is a transfer of ownership.
5. Subsequent transactions of those identified goats must be supported by the mandatory "waybill" with all PICs in consignments of goats noted on the waybill.
6. All farmed goats born before 1 January 2006 will not require identification with a visual tag during the transition period of 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2008, unless NLIS identification is specified by a particular market e.g. live export goat.
7. From 1 January 2009 all farmed goats will require identification with an NLIS compliant visual tag prior to movement.
8. The use of the year of birth colour scheme is strongly recommended to producers.
9. The post breeder tag/transaction tag remain pink in colour.
10. That on farm movement documentation records should be kept for seven years to provide for whole of life tracing.
11. The visual breeder tag could be placed in either ear.

12. The NLIS Standards Committee should progress the development of an EID standard for NLIS (Goats) devices as this will assist farmers to make informed decisions should they desire to use electronic goat identification. Any decision on the need for compulsory EID devices into the future would be assessed when the visual tag system is reviewed.
13. A review of the effectiveness of the visual tag system and recording systems in meeting the national traceability performance standards should be conducted in early 2008.
14. The pragmatic decision to delay the implementation of a central database to underpin the visual tag and paper based system was acknowledged. A decision on the need and practicality of a central database would be influenced by any move to EID devices, and the outcome of the system review in early 2008.
15. The NLIS (Sheep/Goat) Management Committee remains the mechanism for the identifying and resolving operational/implementation issues for NLIS (Sheep/Goat).

**Exceptions:**

1. Any mob from property of birth going direct to slaughter.
2. Any animal going from low risk bio-security region to depot.
3. Any animal going direct from the depot to the abattoir (held for less than 30 days).

**Definitions:**

- FARMED:** Goats on farm and behind wire.
- HARVESTED:** Mustered goats not in a managed system.
- IDENTIFIED:** Recognisable by the most practicable and effective method.
- TRACEABLE:** The ability to track the goats origin.
- DEPOT:** A property acting as an accumulation point for mixed mobs of harvested and managed goats.
- LOW RISK BIOSECURITY:** Each state to come back with there definition of low risk bio-security region.