

Title 2. Agriculture

Chapter III. Arkansas Board of Animal Health, Department of Agriculture

Subchapter B. Disease Control

Part 163. Scrapie Control Rule

Codification Notes. This part as promulgated prior to codification into the Code of Arkansas Rules provided as follows:

"Act 87 of 1963-Code 2-33-101 and Act 150 of 1985-Code 19-6-448"

Subpart 1. Generally

2 CAR § 163-101. General requirements.

(a) The purpose of this part is to control scrapie in Arkansas and to comply with the federal Scrapie Program Standards.

(b) Regulated animals in this part include all:

- (1) Breeding sheep;
- (2) Sheep over eighteen (18) months of age;
- (3) Scrapie-exposed, suspect, high-risk, and test-positive animals;
- (4) Registered breeding goats, breeding goats in contact with sheep, and dairy goats actually from goat dairies; and

(5) Sheep or goats for exhibition.

(c) Exempt animals from this part include:

- (1) Feeders under eighteen (18) months of age for later movement to slaughter; and

(2) Nonregistered meat-type goats, brush goats and castrated sheep, and goats under eighteen (18) months of age.

(d) All sheep or goats as defined by this part that are bartered, leased, traded, loaned, sold, exhibited, or otherwise moved from one (1) management to another shall be deemed to have undergone a change of ownership for the purpose of this part.

(e) All sheep and goats as defined by this part that are grouped together having physical contact with each other, including contact through a fence with a confined lambing area or lambing animals, sharing the same transportation space where physical contact can occur, shall be deemed to have commingled.

(f) Any sheep or goats as defined by this part that are offered for sale in an approved Arkansas livestock market that have not previously been identified must be identified with an official United States Department of Agriculture tag prior to arrival and prior to commingling with any other sheep or goats and all information recorded as required for change of ownership or meet the entry requirements or returned to the state of origin.

(g) Any sheep or goats as defined by this part undergoing a change of ownership (including exhibition and/or importation into the state) and not having an official identification shall be quarantined to the farm of origin until the requirements of this part are met.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 163-102. Animal and premises identification.

(a) All sheep and goats as defined by this part imported into the State of Arkansas, within the State of Arkansas, and before commingling with other sheep and goats shall be identified prior to change of ownership or exhibition by:

- (1) An official United States Department of Agriculture tag;
- (2) A legible official goat registry tattoo if accompanied by a registration certificate; or
- (3) Other approved device that contains a premises identification issued by the state of origin in combination with a unique animal number.

(b) All sheep or goats as defined by this part born after January 1, 2002, shall also be identified to the premises of birth, if not the same as the premises of origin, prior to change of ownership or exhibition.

(c)(1) No person shall apply an official United States Department of Agriculture tag or premises identification number or brand or official registry tattoo to an animal that did not originate on the premises to which the number has been officially assigned.

(2) No person may remove or tamper with any means of identification required to be on sheep or goats.

(d) Animals that lose their official identification may be retagged, provided that all possible flocks of origin are listed in the record describing the new identification that is applied.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 163-103. Required records.

(a) The buyer, seller, and any dealer or market operator of sheep and goats, whether or not the animals are required to be identified, must maintain business records, such as:

- (1) Changes of ownership;
- (2) Yarding receipts;
- (3) Sale tickets;
- (4) Invoices; and
- (5) Waybills.

(b)(1) These records must be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years or provided to the Arkansas Board of Animal Health for entry on the Scrapie National Generic Database.

(2) The buyer, seller, and any dealer or market operator shall be equally responsible for maintaining the required records which shall be made available on request for regulation by agents of the board.

(3) Records required of persons who apply official identification to animals or who are involved in the change of ownership of identified animals are to include:

(A) Official United States Department of Agriculture tag numbers, or other identifying numbers, including the premises identification and any other identification carried by, or assigned to, the animal at the time of change of ownership;

(B) The date the animals were officially identified;

(C)(i) The name and address of the person who consigned the animal for change of ownership or from whom the animal was received.

(ii) If such animal was purchased at an auction, the name and address of the auction market, and the date of such consignment and purchase shall be included;

(D) The name and address of the person or firm to whom the animal was sold and the date of such sale or consignment;

(E) The breed, sex, approximate age, and weight of each animal;

(F) The date and result of any test required for change of ownership or movement of each animal, or a copy of the official test record may be identified to the transaction and filed with the records; and

(G) The required information relating to the change of ownership shall be recorded immediately upon completion of the change of ownership (but no later than twenty-four (24) hours after the change of ownership).

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 163-104. Commingling.

(a) Officially identified sheep or goats that have commingled with nonidentified sheep and goats in violation of this part shall be quarantined to the farm of origin and, if deemed necessary by the State Veterinarian or designated scrapie epidemiologist, shall submit to scrapie testing at the expense of the one responsible for exhibition.

(b) Commingling, as defined by this part, of sheep or goats of different flock status as defined by the Voluntary Flock Certification Program (VFCP) must be reported to the VFCP state official and State Veterinarian.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.

2 CAR § 163-105. Scrapie management.

(a)(1) Upon notification of known cases of scrapie and all suspected cases of scrapie, the flock/herd shall be quarantined, investigated, all animals in the flock/herd individually identified, and a risk analysis made.

(2) A diagnostic plan shall be developed and reviewed by the State Veterinarian or designated scrapie epidemiologist utilizing approved live diagnostic tests and submission of appropriate samples to an approved laboratory for scrapie testing upon the death or destruction of any animals in a flock/herd quarantined for scrapie.

(3)(A) All flocks/herds shall remain under quarantine until a determination of the status of the flock/herd is made.

(B) All flocks/herds under quarantine shall be examined at least quarterly and an inventory of all animals in the flock/herd recorded with all deaths, sales to slaughter, and destruction accounted for.

(C) Upon confirmation of the existence of scrapie in a flock/herd a thorough epidemiological report of all source flocks and herds, trace backs, trace outs, and contacts with other animals shall be documented and a risk analysis made.

(D) Subsequently all source flocks or herds, trace backs, trace outs, and contacts of all confirmed or high-risk scrapie flock/herd shall be quarantined, investigated, all animals in the flock/herd individually identified, and a risk analysis made.

(b)(1) All scrapie-positive, affected, or suspect animals shall only be moved, with approval of the State Veterinarian, for transportation to an United States Department of Agriculture-approved research facility or for the purpose of destruction.

(2) All known scrapie-infected and source flocks/herds shall be quarantined with movements of animals only:

(A) To slaughter;

(B) To feedlots under permit and quarantine for later movement to slaughter;

(C) For destruction; or

(D) To a United States Department of Agriculture-approved research facility.

(c) Infected and source flocks may be released from quarantine after completion of a United States Department of Agriculture flock/herd plan or in an United States Department of Agriculture-approved pilot project flock/herd plan that includes the owner's agreement to comply with a five-year post exposure monitoring and management plan.

(d) The State Veterinarian or the designated scrapie epidemiologist may release any suspected case of scrapie from quarantine when other causes of the symptoms are confirmed and scrapie has not been diagnosed.

(e) Any flock/herd under quarantine that has not had a confirmation of scrapie diagnosis within five (5) years and that has followed the flock/herd plan shall be released from quarantine.

(f) The State Veterinarian or designated scrapie epidemiologist may release any flock/herd from quarantine based on epidemiological or diagnostic factors.

Authority. Arkansas Code § 2-33-107.