

IS THE SHS REQUIRED WHEN MOVING SHEEP?

The National Sheep Health Statement (SHS) is the most important disease risk management tool that buyers can use.

It features a series of 'Yes/No' questions to allow buyers to quickly make informed biosecurity decisions specifically for their own individual circumstances and includes recognition of OJD vaccination and testing results. The SHS has been designed for adoption nation-wide and can assist in meeting entry requirements in different states.

STATE	MOVING SHEEP INTO THE STATE	SHEEP MOVEMENTS WITHIN THE STATE
SA	SHS is mandatory	SHS is mandatory
TAS	SHS is mandatory	SHS is voluntary
NSW	SHS is mandatory as it is required as an approved vendor declaration for footrot	SHS is voluntary
WA	SHS is voluntary; LB1 form is mandatory	SHS is voluntary
QLD	SHS is voluntary; Certificate of Health and NVD/Waybill is mandatory	SHS is voluntary
NT	SHS is voluntary: Certificate/Waybill is mandatory	SHS is voluntary
VIC	SHS is voluntary	SHS is voluntary

For all sheep moving direct to slaughter a SHS is not required, but an NVD/Waybill is compulsory for ALL sheep movements.

Information on State SHS requirements has been provided by third parties, for further information contact your relevant State Department.

Regional Biosecurity Plan Areas

Some areas or states have chosen to develop Regional Biosecurity Plans and have chosen to have entry requirements based on the minimum risk that they feel is acceptable. To assist the trade in sheep, a number of RBP areas have recognised each other's entry requirements. All of Queensland and South Australia (as shown in 'light orange' on map, right) are part of a RBP underpinned by state legislation; the RBPs developed by local areas of NSW (as shown in 'green' on map) have been determined by producers in those areas but are NOT underpinned by state legislation.

To move stock into these areas, sheep should meet **ONE** of the following:

- 1) Be from a flock in a recognised RBP (see map)
- 2) Be from a flock with SheepMAP accreditation
- 3) Be from a flock with a negative test in the past 24 months (Faecal 350 or Abattoir 500) **AND**
 - Be a closed flock **OR**
 - Sheep introduced in the preceding 5 years onto the property from which the sheep are consigned were from: a flock in another recognised RBP; a SheepMAP flock; or a flock with a negative test in the preceding 2 years.
- 4) Be Terminal 'T' Tag Lambs* (identified by an NLIS 'T' tag).

*except for moving into QLD

Show and Breeding Centre Requirements

Sheep attending a show or breeding centre **MUST** be housed, fed and watered separately from all other stock at the show/breeding centre (movement tests may apply). They **MUST** return direct to their source property or be sold to a flock outside the RBP.

