

STATE OF HAWAII  
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AND BIOSECURITY  
Animal Industry Division  
Animal Disease Control Branch  
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To import sheep into Hawaii, the following requirements shall be met prior to entry. Sheep that **do not meet pre-entry requirements may be refused entry into the state and returned to their point of origin at the importer's expense.**

An **import permit** issued by the Animal Disease Control Branch is required for **ALL** sheep being imported into Hawaii.

Mouflon sheep, Barbary sheep (Aoudad), and any crossbred sheep containing any percentage of these species are classified as restricted species and **require an additional permit from the Plant Quarantine Branch** to enter the state. A Plant Quarantine Branch permit must be obtained **prior to receiving an import permit from the Animal Disease Control Branch**. For more information on importing restricted species from the Plant Quarantine Branch, visit: <https://dab.hawaii.gov/pi/pq/import-program/plant-quarantine-application-for-permits/> or call (808) 832-0566.

**Update: New World Screwworm was detected in the United States on June 3, 2026.**

**Pre-Shipment Requirements for Sheep Entering Hawaii**

1. Herd Quarantine Status: Sheep must originate from a herd that is **not under quarantine**.
2. Health Status: Sheep must be free from external parasites, transmissible diseases, and recent exposure to infectious or contagious diseases.
3. Identification: Sheep must be uniquely identified using a USDA-APHIS approved official identification method:
  - a. Official Eartag: Features the US shield, flock ID, and individual animal ID.
  - b. Animal Identification Number (AIN): Includes radio frequency identification (RFID) or visual ear tag, with a unique 15-digit number starting with "840" and the US shield.
  - c. Registration Tattoo: Must be accompanied by the official registration certificate.
  - d. Electronic Implantable Identification: An ISO 11784/11785 compliant microchip may be used if registered with national associations and accompanied by the official registration certificate.
4. Tick Treatment: Sheep must be treated under the supervision of a veterinarian with an approved pesticide at a concentration effective to kill ticks within 7 days of shipment.
5. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI): A CVI must be issued by a licensed, USDA-accredited (Category II) veterinarian.
  - a. **Required items on the CVI:**
    - i. Issuance: The CVI must be issued with **seven (7) days** of shipment, with the issue date recorded.
    - ii. Veterinarian Information: Name, address, phone number, and signature of the USDA-accredited (Category II) veterinarian.

- iii. Consignor and Consignee Information: Names, addresses, and phone numbers of the shipper (consignor) and receiver (consignee)
- iv. Animal Description: Age, sex, breed, color, and official identification.
- b. **Required statements on the CVI:**
  - i. Sheep are free from external parasites, transmissible diseases, and recent exposure to infectious or contagious diseases.
  - ii. **All animals were inspected and found free of evidence of New World Screwworm infestation.**
  - iii. Sheep have been dipped or completely sprayed by the veterinarian or under the supervision of the veterinarian with an approved pesticide at a concentration effective to kill ticks within 7 days of shipment.
  - iv. For sheep from states affected by Vesicular Stomatitis (VS) during outbreaks, include the statement:

“I have examined all the animals identified on this certificate within 72 hours of shipment date and found them to be free from signs of Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). During the last thirty (30) days, these animals have not been exposed to VS nor located on a VS confirmed or VS suspected premises.”
- 6. Import Permit:
  - a. Request a **Sheep Import Permit** from the Animal Disease Control Branch by submitting copies of the CVI for review. Please contact the Animal Disease Control Branch:

Email: [DAB.ADC@hawaii.gov](mailto:DAB.ADC@hawaii.gov)  
Phone: (808) 483-7100  
Fax: (808) 483-7110  
After-Hours Phone (Weekdays, Weekends, and Holidays): (808) 837-8092
  - b. Once pre-shipment requirements are met, a Sheep Import Permit will be issued. The review of documents and issuance of permits are conducted daily during business hours.
  - c. **The import permit and CVI must accompany the shipment.**
- 7. Entry Inspection: It is the responsibility of the owner or their authorized agent to present a **COMPLETE, LEGIBLE, ORIGINAL hard copy** of the **import permit and CVI** to comply with the State of Hawaii’s pre-shipment requirements at the time of the entry inspection.