

To import Sheep (*Ovis aries*) into Hawaii, the following requirements shall be met prior to entry. **Sheep not meeting pre-entry requirements may be refused entry into the state and returned to their point of origin at the importer's expense.**

**\*UPDATE\* - A permit to import sheep will be required starting December 22, 2023**

State regulations can be found on the internet at: <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/pq/import-program/animal-guidelines/>

**Pre-shipment requirements for sheep entering the State of Hawaii**

1. Animals must originate from a herd that is **not under quarantine**.
2. Animals must be free from external parasites and symptoms of transmissible diseases and have not had recent exposure to these diseases.
3. Animals must be uniquely identified with an official USDA-APHIS method.
  - a) Visual ear tag – bears an US Shield
  - b) 840 radio frequency identification ear tag (RFID) – bears an US Shield
  - c) Registration tattoo accompanied by a copy of the APHIS approved registration certificate
4. Animals must be completely sprayed or dipped under the supervision of a veterinarian with an approved pesticide at a **concentration to kill ticks** within 7 days of shipment.
5. Acquire a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from a licensed, accredited veterinarian

**a) Required items on the CVI**

1. The CVI is issued **seven (7) days** or less before shipment, by a licensed, accredited (category II level) veterinarian, and the issue date is recorded on the CVI.
2. Animal description including the following: Age, Sex, Breed, and Official USDA tag number(s)
3. Statement which indicates the veterinarian inspected and found sheep to be free of external parasites, and supervised the prophylactic pesticide application. Statement required:

*“I personally inspected the sheep on this CVI and found them to be free of ticks. They have, under my supervision, been completely sprayed or dipped with an approved pesticide to kill ticks within 7 days of shipment.”*
4. The following statement is to appear on the CVI for all livestock entering Hawaii originating from states affected with Vesicular Stomatitis for the duration of the VS outbreaks:

*“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 a VS suspected premises.”*
6. **\*UPDATE\*** Request a **SHEEP Import permit** from the Animal Industry Division when copies of the CVI are available for review. Once pre-shipment requirements are met, a Sheep Import Permit will be issued. The import permit and CVI must accompany the shipment. Documents will be reviewed and permits will be issued daily during business hours. To request an import permit contact the Animal Industry Division:
  - a) Email: [HDOA.LDC@hawaii.gov](mailto:HDOA.LDC@hawaii.gov)
  - b) Fax: 808-483-7110
  - c) Phone: 808-483-7100

d) Phone: 808-837-8092 (Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays)

It is the responsibility of the owner or authorized agent of the owner to present a **COMPLETE, LEGIBLE, ORIGINAL** hardcopy of the CVI which meets the State of Hawaii's pre-shipment requirements at entry inspection.