

# Official ID Types for Sheep and Goats

## Ear Tags:

- Official ear tags must be of those approved for use in sheep and goats **with the US shield printed onto the tag**



- Ear tags can come in various shapes, sizes, colors and numerical sequences (examples below)



**Flock Style Tags**  
(OH##### 0001)



**Serial Style Tags**  
(OHX#####)



## Animals with Absent or Injured Ears:

- Animals that cannot be ear tagged **because of absent or injured ears** may have the official ear tag attached to a durable neck strap or collar that can only be removed by cutting the strap, collar or ear tag and which must accommodate the expected growth of the animal, which may include:
  - Placing the tag at the end of the collar after the "D" ring which must be small enough that the tag cannot be pulled through (pictures below)
  - Overlapping the collar in such a way that the tag pierces through the overlapped portion of the collar
- The neck strap or collar with ear tag must be treated the same as an ear tag and **may not be removed or replaced**

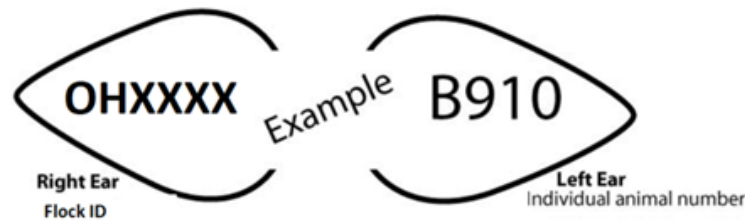


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## Flock ID Tattoos:

- The Flock ID that has been assigned to the owner must be tattooed in the right ear and an individual animal ID number must be tattooed in the left ear of the animal
  - Animals with either absent or injured ears can have the tattoo in the tail web or flank
- The tattoo must be legible
- The animal cannot be in a slaughter channel
- The animal must be accompanied by a statement that contains the Flock of Origin information
  - Examples: ICVI, Owner/Hauler Statement, market bill of sale, etc.



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## Registration Tattoo:

- The Breed Registry Prefix that has been assigned to the owner must be tattooed in the right ear and an individual animal ID number must be tattooed in the left ear
  - Animals with either absent or injured ears can have the tattoo in the tail web or flank
- The tattoo must be legible
- The animal cannot be in a slaughter channel
- A copy of the registration certificate must accompany the animal at all times
  - This certificate should have the tattoo information printed on it from the registry and must correspond to the tattoo in the animal's ears
  - If the certificate is not in the name of the current owner, a copy of the completed application for transfer of ownership in the name of the current owner is permitted provided the sale occurred within the last 60 days



- ❖ Unregistered animals from registered flocks can tattoo animals via the standards described under “Flock ID Tattoo”

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## Microchip or Implant (All Animals):

- Implants must be located between the skin and the cartilage of the back side of the ear or between the skin and the bone of the tail near the base of the tail
  - The animal must be tattooed with a legible “E” if the implant is at the base of the ear, or an “ET” if the implant is in the tail fold ★
- The animal must be accompanied by an implant reader
- The implant must comply with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785
- The implant number must be an Animal Identification Number (840) issued to the flock of origin
- The movement must be either for exhibition purposes or other movement without change of ownership
- The animal cannot be in a slaughter channel

## Registered Animals:

- Registered animals must be accompanied by a registration certificate in the name of the current owner where the implant number has been recorded on the certificate



## Unregistered Animals:

- Unregistered animals must be accompanied by an ICVI or an OHS that lists the flock of origin, the Flock ID and the electronic implant number
- Unregistered animals must also be **legibly tattooed** with the flock identification number

