



Importing Livestock for Immediate Slaughter into New York State

Livestock moved into New York for **immediate slaughter** must be slaughtered **within six (6) days (144 hours)**. Animals imported for this purpose must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) (completed by a USDA Category 2 accredited veterinarian) **OR** an owner-shipper statement (formerly know as **waybill**).

- A **CVI** is a document from the state of origin which provides complete information on each animal including health data, tests, origin, destination and identification and which certifies that the animals to be shipped meet New York State health requirements for importation. **A CVI is void 30 days after date of preparation thereof.**
- An **owner-shipper statement** (formerly know as **waybill**) must include the date of preparation, name and address of the owner or shipper, point from which the animals are moved interstate, name and address of the person or firm accepting delivery in NY, the number of species covered by the owner-shipper statement, individual animal identification number(s), species, age, sex of each animal in shipment, a statement that the animals are being brought into this state for immediate slaughter and the written and complete signature of the owner or shipper. **An owner-shipper statement shall be void eight (8) days after date of preparation thereof.**

Livestock imported for immediate slaughter must move directly to the designated location (unless noted below); they may not be unloaded at any other premises or allowed to come in contact with other animals while en route (unless otherwise noted below).

Specific Requirements

Cattle – Cattle entering the state for immediate slaughter shall be moved directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment or specifically approved stockyard in the state. A recognized slaughtering establishment means any abattoir at which meat inspection service is provided by the USDA. A specifically approved stockyard means an establishment where cattle are handled under permit or license issued by the department and the USDA to handle out-of-state cattle.

Swine – Swine entering the state for immediate slaughter shall be consigned only to an approved slaughtering establishment, or to a commission sale firm designated as specifically approved by the USDA to accept swine moved interstate.

Sheep – Sheep entering the state for immediate slaughter shall be moved directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment or specifically approved stockyard in the state. A recognized slaughtering establishment means any abattoir at which inspection service is provided by USDA. A specifically approved stockyard means an establishment where sheep or goats are handled under permit or license issued by the department and which has been approved by the department to handle out-of-state sheep or goats.