



eID Compliance Plan 2025-2027

A guide for sheep and goat producers on the transition to mandatory electronic identification (eID) in South Australia

What's happening?

Electronic identification (eID) tags are replacing visual tags for sheep and farmed goats nationally.

A structured transition to this new fully electronic traceability system for sheep and goats in South Australia is rolling out from 1 January 2025 to full implementation on 1 January 2027.

Changes to the Livestock Regulations 2013 came into effect on 1 January 2025 to support the mandatory implementation of eID for sheep and farmed goats.

What will PIRSA be doing, and what do I need to do?

The Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) is working with industry to ensure as many people as possible understand what they need to do, and when, to comply.

Compliance milestones for sheep and farmed goat producers include the start of both mandatory eID tagging, and mandatory eID scanning and reporting, as detailed below.

For many producers, the only change will be switching from a visual tag to an NLIS-approved electronic device.

Producers should ensure they stay up to date and learn all they can about the eID program, and what they need to do and when, by:

- visiting the PIRSA website pir.sa.gov.au/eid
- attending eID webinars and workshops
- paying attention to any eID information they receive or see in traditional or social media
- staying in touch with their industry bodies.

Compliance during transition phase

From 1 January 2025

Producers must:

- identify all sheep and farmed goats born on or after 1 January 2025 with an NLIS-accredited eID device before leaving the property of birth
- scan and record Property to Property (P2P) movements on the NLIS database within two days of arrival.

PIRSA will focus on:

- increasing producer awareness and understanding
- ensuring producers and supply chain participants have access to necessary technology and support, for example through government support programs, e.g. eID tag discounts and rebates
- following structured inspection programs at saleyards, abattoirs and processing works
- ongoing collaboration with relevant industry bodies
- supporting participants facing genuine hardship in meeting requirements.

Non-compliance will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Compliance after full implementation phase

From 1 January 2027

Producers must:

- identify all sheep and farmed goats with an NLIS-accredited eID device when leaving the property.

PIRSA will focus on:

- reminding producers of requirements and accountability
- ongoing routine inspections at saleyards and audits across the supply chain
- ongoing tracking and auditing of movement records
- meeting national reporting requirements.

PIRSA acknowledges that various circumstances may affect a producer's ability to meet legislative requirements. However, in instances of serious or repeated breaches PIRSA may escalate matters, including publishing details of major enforcement actions and pursuing legal proceedings through the courts where necessary. This approach ensures accountability while maintaining fairness and transparency in the enforcement process.

Industry participants must make all practical efforts to comply with their legal responsibilities to the best of their abilities.

More information

Visit the PIRSA website for information for different supply chain participants, links to rebate and grant assistance, and an email newsletter you can subscribe to: pir.sa.gov.au/eid