

Addendum to the *Goat Identification, Visual & Electronic* Powerpoint Regarding Electronic Implantable Devices (EIDs):

EIDs are also known as microchips.

Electronic Implant Devices (EID)

Sheep or goats registered with national associations that allow the use of electronic implants for official registry identification may use EIDs as official identification in the Scrapie Eradication Program. Please note that the following conditions must be met:

- The animals are registered with a national registry association;
- The electronic implant number is recorded by the registry on the registration certificate accompanying the animal, and the animal is accompanied by an implant reader that can read the implant in the animal;
- At exhibitions, an implant reader that can read the implant in the animal is available for use by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service or State authorities;
- The movement is either for exhibition purposes or for sale, with transfer of the registration papers to a new owner who has a reader that can read the implant in the animal (as the animal may not be moved by the new owner unless accompanied by a reader); and
- Any standards set by the National Animal Identification System for EID devices and scanners, shall also apply to any device implanted after implementation of those standards.

Such animals moved in interstate commerce to a market or are for sale without registration papers, must be identified with visible official identification, such as an official eartag or tattoo.

Editors note: Since some EIDs (microchips) are not ISO (International Organization for Standardization) compliant, owners should have accessible a reader that can read the EIDs.

EID/Microchip Placement

The recommended placement of EIDs (microchips) in goats is on the top of the ear between the skin and the cartilage near where the ear meets the head. FDA considers EIDs to be unapproved food additives. If an animal that has been implanted is sent to slaughter, the Food Safety Inspection Service inspector should be notified of the presence and location of the EID (microchip) device prior to slaughter so that it can be removed from the carcass after slaughter to prevent adulteration of the carcass.