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Dear Stakeholder:

This letter is to inform you of Florida's **intrastate** movement requirements for sheep and goats. As part of the National Scrapie Eradication Program the United States Department of Agriculture makes it mandatory that all sheep and goats over 18 months of age be identified by an official eartag, tattoo, or electronic implant before entering into interstate commerce. Florida's new regulation (5C-29), which will be in effect starting October 9, 2008, requires that all sheep and goats regardless of age be identified prior to entering intrastate commerce. This regulation is a requirement of the national program adopted by USDA and States throughout the nation.

The Florida Department of Agriculture hopes you will help us get the word out to producers and dealers that all sheep and goats must be identified before movement. Thank you for helping to disseminate this important information. By informing our stakeholders before the rule becomes official, we hope it will have minimal negative effect on their business. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. BRONSON
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE

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Attachment: Press Release

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