A. The requirements of this section are in addition to the requirements set forth in 21 NMAC 32.4.12 [now 21.32.4.12 NMAC] above and are intended to prevent the spreading of scrapie to New Mexico.

B. In addition to the information required by 21 NMAC 32.4.12 [now 21.32.4.12 NMAC], all breeding sheep (fine wool, medium wool or crossbreeds) entering New Mexico must have the following statement entered on the health certificate:

1. "The sheep on this certificate originate from a flock in which scrapie has not been diagnosed in the last five years and has not been identified as a trace or source flock and there is no evidence of exposure to scrapie".

2. The owner or owner's operator or agent shall print and sign his name under this statement attesting to the truthfulness of the statement.

C. Medium wool and crossbred sheep must be individually identified with an ear tag or tattoo (paint and chalk brands are not acceptable) and that ID shall be placed on the health certificate.

D. Commuter sheep imported into New Mexico from a contiguous state, without change of ownership and as part of the normal commuting operation, may enter without meeting the additional scrapie requirements of 21 NMAC 32.4.17.1 through 17.3 [now Subsections A through C of 21.32.4.17 NMAC] above, provided the owner has a prior approved commuter herd permit from the state veterinarian of New Mexico.

E. Sheep entering New Mexico for grazing or feedlot must have a health certificate that includes the following statement:

1. "The sheep on this certificate originate from a flock in which scrapie has not been diagnosed in the last five years and has not been identified as a trace or source flock and there is no evidence of exposure to scrapie".

2. The owner or owner's operator or agent shall print and sign his name under this statement attesting to the truthfulness of the statement.

F. Slaughter sheep, consigned directly to slaughter, must only meet the requirements of 21 NMAC 32.4.12 [now 21.32.4.12 NMAC] and are not required to meet the additional scrapie requirements of this section.

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