32.3.1303 IDENTIFICATION  (1) Official identification is required for qualifying animals involved in the following:
   (a) importation;
   (b) entry into interstate marketing channels;
   (c) change of ownership; or
   (d) exhibition.
(2) Official identification must be made to the flock of birth or the flock of origin.
(3) The following groups of animals are required to be officially identified:
   (a) sexually intact sheep and goats, regardless of age;
   (b) all sheep over 18 months of age;
   (c) all scrapie-suspect and test-positive animals;
   (d) all scrapie-exposed or scrapie high-risk animals; and
   (e) all animals in scrapie-source, scrapie-infected, scrapie-exposed, or scrapie-non-compliant flocks.
(4) Animals that are exempt from the individual official identification requirement are:
   (a) sheep and goats under 18 months of age in recognized slaughter channels;
   (b) wethers for exhibition;
   (c) low-risk commercial goats as defined in the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules;
   (d) sheep and goats moved for grazing purposes with no change of ownership; and
   (e) animals from a registered premises and moved as a group lot directly to an approved slaughter facility or to an approved market and accompanied by an owner's statement as defined in the Scrapie Eradication Uniform Methods and Rules. (History: 81-2-102, MCA; IMP, 81-2-103, MCA; NEW, 1998 MAR p. 2756, Eff. 10/9/98; AMD, MAR p.538, Eff. 4/12/13.)
32.3.1308 IDENTIFICATION METHODOLOGY (1) Approved methods of official identification include:
   (a) electronic implants;
   (b) official eartags provided by or approved by USDA;
   (c) legible official breed registry tattoo; or
   (d) premises identification eartags. (History: 81-2-102, MCA; IMP, 81-2-103, MCA; NEW, 1998 MAR p. 2756, Eff. 10/9/9; AMD, MAR p. Eff. 4/12/13.)