

Owner Hauler Statements:

Sheep or goats that are in slaughter channels and are using an owner hauler statement rather than an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection, must include a group/lot identification number, even if animals have individual official ear tags.

An owner hauler statement (OHS) is a signed written statement by the owner or hauler of the animals that includes:

- Name, address and phone number of the owner and, if different, the hauler
- Date the animals were moved
- Flock ID assigned to the flock or premises of the animals
- Group/Lot ID Number
- Number of animals
- Species, breed and class of animals
- Name and address of the point of origin
- Name and address of the destination
- Statement whether the animals are in slaughter channels

A group/lot identification number (GIN) is used to uniquely identify a unit of animals managed together as one group.

- The format of the GIN is the **flock identification number followed by a 6-digit representation of the date** on which the group or lot of animals was assembled (i.e. XX1234-MMDDYY).
- A sequential number will be added to the end of the GIN if more than one group is created on the same date (i.e. XX1234-MMDDYY-1).