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Plant Health
Inspection
Service

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Dear Ms. Gallagher:

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has approved your association's registry tattoo/microchip number to be used as official identification for goats in the Scrapie Flock Certification Program. Each animal in your permanent registry herd book must have a unique tattoo or microchip number. The unique tattoo/microchip must allow any association-registered goat to be traced to its flock of origin. Upon request by APHIS, your association must make available information that will allow such determination.

If microchips are used, the owner must provide a reader for use by APHIS personnel during inspections. An official eartag or an official premises tattoo must be applied if the animal is sold or otherwise disposed of without transfer of the registration papers. I have enclosed a copy of APHIS policy on microchips.

This approval may be revoked at any time in the event that you are unable to continue to meet the requirements of the program standards.

If you have questions, please call Dr. Diane Sutton at (301) 734-6954. You may also e-mail Dr. Sutton at Diane.L.Sutton@APHIS.USDA.GOV.

Sincerely,

Michael Gilsdorf
National Animal Health Programs Staff
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Enclosure



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