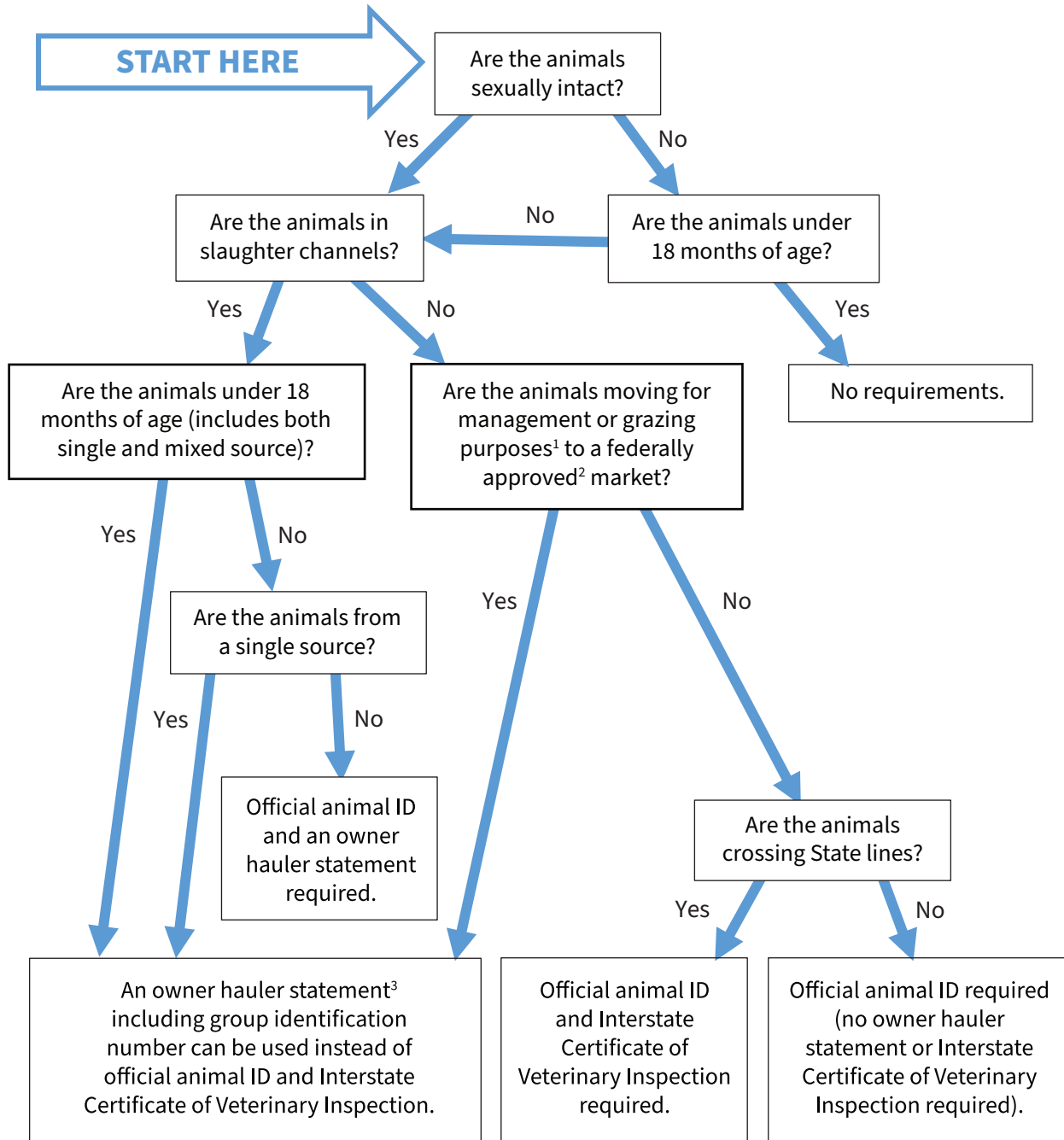


Federal Sheep and Goat Official Identification Decision Tree for Animals in Interstate Commerce

Identification rules apply when the animal first enters interstate commerce, such as unloading animals at markets, sales, exhibitions or other sites where interstate commerce occurs; moving animals across a State line; selling animals to an out-of-State buyer; or when people who engage in interstate commerce acquire animals. The animals' State of residence or the recipient State may have additional requirements.



¹ Only applies when both premises are owned or leased by the same person and there is no commingling with other unidentified animals from another herd.

² An approved market may not accept unidentified mixed source intact animals to identify and sell unrestricted. Such animals must be sold as restricted to slaughter. To comply with the regulations, markets must also have a compliance agreement to accept such animals if they are 18 months of age or older.

³ Owner hauler statement is not needed for officially and individually identified animals that are not in slaughter channels going to an in-State market.