



Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations

Dairy Cattle



Health Certificate - issued within 30 days of entry

Official identification, testing and statements listed on health certificate



Import Permit Numbers are Required for Hand-Written Paper Health Certificates ONLY

Import Permit - To obtain a permit number:

Permit Line: 406-444-2976

Email: livpermits@mt.gov (Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm)



Official Identification

USDA Silver Clip, Bangs Tag, or 840 RFID Tag

All animals require official ID

Identification must be listed on health certificate



Dairy Cattle Import Testing Requirements

Tuberculosis (TB)

All sexually intact animals over 2 months of age require one negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry **OR**

- Animals that originate from a USDA-APHIS Accredited TB-Free Herd
 - Herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included

Trichomoniasis

Bulls for exhibition or competition:

- No testing required

Bulls for sale purposes:

- Virgin bulls less than 12 months of age
 - No testing required
- Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age
 - No testing required

Non-virgin bulls and bulls greater than 24 months of age

- One single negative PCR within 60 days
- Void upon commingling with female cattle

*Pooled PCRs are acceptable



Diary Cattle Import Documentation Requirements

M-Statement

Required Statement: *“The animals in this shipment are NOT ‘M-Branded’ (Mexico origin) nor have they been in contact with or exposed to any ‘M-Branded’ cattle.”*

OR

Required Statement: *“The animals in this shipment ARE ‘M-Branded’ (Mexico origin) or they have been in contact with or exposed to ‘M-Branded’ cattle.”*

Additional Statements

Bulls for exhibition or competition:

- Required statement: *“While in Montana, this (these) bull(s) cannot be sold, loaned, or leased, and cannot be used for breeding or semen collection, and must be kept segregated from all sexually-intact female cattle.”*

Bulls for sale purposes:

- Virgin bulls less than 12 months of age
- Required Statement: *“The bull(s) identified on this certificate are virgin bulls”*

Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age

- Required Statement: *“The bull(s) identified on this certificate are virgin bulls,” signed by owner.*

Calves without dams, 1 month of age or less, require a 30-day quarantine with the following statement on the CVI: *“Calf (calves) must be held on premises of destination and may not be resold for 30 days.”*