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MEMORANDUM

From: Dr. Marty Zaluski, Administrator & State Veterinarian 
Subject: Traceability Requirements for Cattle Imported into Montana
Effective Date: August 5, 2016

In general, all cattle imported into Montana must have the following:

- **Official individual identification (ID),**
- **A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) with all required ID listed*, and**
- **An import permit.**

Additionally, Canadian origin cattle must have a CAN hot iron brand that is 2-3 inches tall and applied high on the right hip. Mexican origin cattle must be M branded as required by 9 CFR 93.427.

Identification exemptions†:

- Animals moving directly to an official MT tagging site – these animals can be tagged upon arrival. Required statement on CVI: “Animals in shipment are moving to an approved tagging site.”
- Calves less than 6 months of age with dams – dams must have official individual ID. Please note, sexually intact animals originating from Big Horn County, Wyoming are not eligible for this exemption.
- Beef steers and spayed heifers

Documentation exemptions†:

- Cattle from farm of origin to a federally approved livestock market for qualification upon arrival do not require a CVI.
- Cattle from farm of origin to a federally approved slaughter facility do not require a CVI if accompanied by an owner shipper statement.
- Beef cattle ≥18 months of age from ID, OR, UT, WA, or WY do not require ID to be listed on the CVI if all animals in shipment have official individual ID and a brand inspection. Please see individual state agreements for additional detail. Required statement on CVI: “All animals in shipment have official individual ID.”
- Sexually intact beef cattle <18 months of age that are branded and have an official brand inspection do not require ID to be listed on the CVI. Required statement on CVI: “All animals in shipment have official individual ID.”

* When a range of tags is provided on the CVI, a minimum of 90% of the listed tag numbers must represent animals included in the shipment.

† Animals for exhibition, rodeo, or event and animals with test or quarantine requirements are not eligible to receive any identification or documentation exemptions.

Approved Forms of Official Individual ID For Montana Cattle Imports:

USDA 840-Series RFID Tags



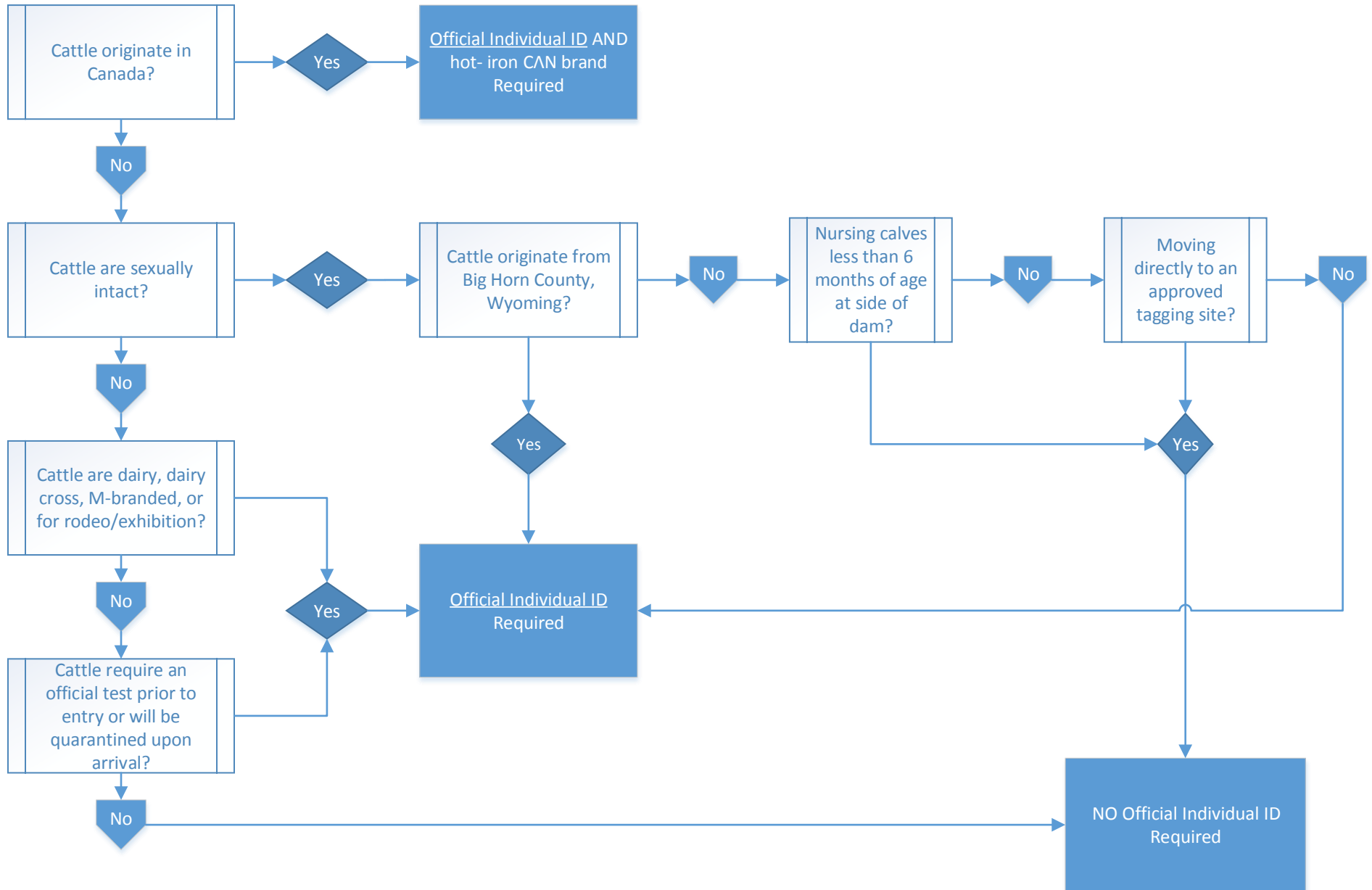
USDA NUES Metal Tags



Canadian Cattle require a CFIA RFID Tag & Hot-Iron C/N Brand



Official Individual Identification Required for Montana Cattle Imports?



Official ID Must Be Listed On The CVI for Montana Cattle Imports?

