Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations
Mexico Origin Cattle

International Health Certificate
Official identification, testing and statements listed on health certificate

Import Permit - To obtain a permit number:
Permit Line: 406-444-2976
Email: livpermits@mt.gov (Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm)

Official Identification
RFID Tag
All animals require official ID
Identification must be listed on health certificate
M brand that is 2-3 inches tall and applied high on the right hip
• All animals including steers and spayed heifers require an M hot iron brand
Mexico Origin Cattle Import Testing Requirements

**Tuberculosis (TB)**

- Two negative TB tests 60-120 days apart. The first negative test can be the US entry test. The second negative test must be performed by an USDA-APHIS-VS accredited veterinarian within 60 days prior to importation into Montana.
- Must have entry or cross-over date into U.S. and the TB test date with the shipment and written on the health certificate.
- If the animals have resided in the US over 60 days, only one TB test is required along with a statement written on the CVI by the issuing veterinarian stating to the best of his/her knowledge, they have resided in the US over 60 days. No crossover papers are needed.

*Holstein and Holstein cross “M” branded steers or spayed heifers are prohibited from entry regardless of test history*

**“M” Branded Statement**

- Required statement: “the animals in this shipment ARE “M-Branded” (Mexico Origin)