Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations
Beef Cattle

Health Certificate - issued within 30 days of entry
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
USDA Silver Clip, Bangs Tag, or 840 RFID Tag
All sexually intact animals require official ID
• Exemption: calves at side less than 6 months of age
Identification must be listed on health certificate
Find more identification and documentation exemptions here. (Link to identification memo)
Feeding, Breeding, and/or Sale Cattle Import

Testing Requirements

**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*
Feeding, Breeding, and/or Sale 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."
- 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 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.’