MEMORANDUM

From: Dr. Marty Zaluski, Administrator & State Veterinarian

Subject: Traceability Requirements for Cattle Imported into Montana

Effective Date: March 1, 2020

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<th>In general, all cattle imported into Montana must have the following:</th>
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<td>• Official individual identification (ID),</td>
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<td>• A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) with all required ID listed*, and</td>
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<td>• An import permit.</td>
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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** – animals are to be tagged upon arrival. Required statement on CVI: “Animals in shipment are moving to an approved tagging site.”

• **Beef 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.

• **Sexually intact beef cattle less than 18 months of age** 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 listed on a CVI, a minimum of 90% of the listed tag numbers must represent animals in the shipment.*