



# 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](mailto: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)