



Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations

Canadian Origin Cattle



International Health Certificate

Official identification, testing and statements listed on health certificate



Import Permit - To obtain a permit number:

Canadian cattle import permits cannot be issued over the phone. Please send health certificate and testing documents email or fax, to obtain an import permit.

Email: livpermits@mt.gov (Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm)

Fax: 406-444-1929 (Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm)



Official Identification

RFID Tag

All animals require official ID

Identification must be listed on health certificate

CAN hot iron brand that is 2-3 inches tall and applied high on the right hip

- All animals including steers and spayed heifers require a CAN hot iron brand



Canadian Origin Cattle Import Testing Requirements

Brucellosis

One negative brucellosis test on animals 12 months of age and older, within 30 days of movement.

Tuberculosis (TB)

One negative TB test on animals two months of age and older, within 60 days of movement.

Trichomoniasis

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



Canadian Origin Cattle Import Documentation Requirements

CAN Hot Iron Brand Statement

Montana does not accept the CAN tattoo or brand statement listed on the Canadian International Health certificate.

Please include a statement page:

Required statement: *“The animals in this shipment have the required CAN hot iron brand.”*

Additional Statements

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.*