Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations
Dairy Cattle

Health Certificate - issued within 30 days of entry
Official identification, testing and statements listed on health certificate

Import Permit Numbers are Required for Hand-Written Paper Health Certificates ONLY

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 animals require official ID
Identification must be listed on health certificate
Dairy Cattle Import
Testing Requirements

**Tuberculosis (TB)**

All sexually intact animals over 2 months of age require one negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry **OR**

- Animals that originate from a USDA-APHIS Accredited TB-Free Herd
  - Herd accreditation number and date of entire herd test must be included

**Trichomoniasis**

Bulls for exhibition or competition:
- No testing required

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*
Diary 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.”

OR

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 exhibition or competition:
- Required statement: “While in Montana, this (these) bull(s) cannot be sold, loaned, or leased, and cannot be used for breeding or semen collection, and must be kept segregated from all sexually-intact female cattle.”

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.”