Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations
Show/Exhibition 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)
Fax: 406-444-1929 (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
Show/Exhibition Cattle Import Testing Requirements

**Tuberculosis (TB)**

Dairy Breeds Only
- One negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry.

**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*
Show Exhibition
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
  o Required Statement: "The bull(s) identified on this certificate are virgin bulls"
• Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age
  o Required Statement: "The bull(s) identified on this certificate are virgin bulls,” signed by owner."