Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations

US Origin Sporting/Rodeo Cattle
(roping, steer wrestling steers, and other rodeo 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
US Origin Sporting Cattle Import
Testing Requirements

Tuberculosis (TB)

Roping/Rodeo animals require one negative TB test within 12 months prior to entry.
*If Mexico origin, please refer to “Mexico Origin Cattle” (link to Mexico Origin Cattle Import)

Trichomoniasis

Bulls for exhibition or competition:
• No testing required
Bulls for sale purposes:
• Virgin bulls less than 12 months of age
  o No testing required
• Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age
  o 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
US Origin Sporting 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.