



Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations

Beef 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

(24/7 via phone)

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



Official Identification

Cattle Less than 18-months of Age: USDA Silver Clip, Bangs Tag, or 840 RFID Tag

Cattle 18-Months of Age and Older: 840-RFID Tag

All sexually intact animals require official ID

- Exemption: calves at side less than 6 months of age traveling with dam

Identification must be listed on health certificate

Find more identification and documentation exemptions [here](#). (Link to identification memo)



Feeding, Breeding, and/or Sale Cattle Import Testing Requirements

Trichomoniasis

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



Feeding, Breeding, and/or Sale 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."*
- 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 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."*