



Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations

Mexico Origin 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

RFID Tag

All animals require official ID

Identification must be listed on health certificate

M brand that is 2-3 inches tall and applied high on the right hip

- All animals including steers and spayed heifers require an M hot iron brand



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Testing
Requirements
&
Required Statements

Tuberculosis (TB) Test

- All M-branded, Mx-branded, and other cattle or bison two months of age and older originating directly from Mexico (imported into the U.S. within 60 days) require two negative TB tests 60-120 days apart.
 - The first negative test can be the U.S. entry test.
 - The second negative TB test must be performed by a USDA-APHIS VS accredited veterinarian and **must be within 60 days prior to importation into Montana.**

“M” Branded Statement

- Required statement: “*The animals in this shipment ARE “M-Branded” (Mexico Origin)*”

*** Holstein and Holstein cross “M” branded steers or spayed heifers are **prohibited** from entry into Montana regardless of test history ***