



# 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

(24/7 via phone)

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



### Official Identification

Animals tagged prior to November 5, 2024:  
USDA Silver Clip, Bangs Tag, or 840 RFID Tag

Animals tagged November 5, 2024 and after:  
840-RFID tag required

All animals require official ID, regardless of sex

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

- 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.*