



Montana Department of Livestock Import Regulations

US Origin Sporting/Rodeo Cattle

(Roping Cattle, Steer Wrestling Cattle, Bucking Stock, and all Other Rodeo Stock)



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

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



US Origin Sporting Cattle Import Testing Requirements

Tuberculosis (TB)

Roping/Rodeo animals require one negative TB test within 12 months prior to entry.

* Mexican/M-Branded cattle, require one negative TB test within 60 days prior to entry (see Mexican Origin Cattle Import Requirements).

Trichomoniasis

Bulls for exhibition or competition (see required statement on page 3):

- No testing required

Bulls for sale purposes:

- Virgin bulls < 12 months of age (see required statement on page 3)
 - No testing required
- Virgin bulls 12-24 months of age
 - No testing required

Non-virgin bulls and bulls > 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.*

Reminder: If animals are M-Branded they require a negative TB Test within 60-days prior to entry. See "Mexican Origin Cattle Import Requirements.

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.*