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Export of Cattle from the United States to Canada

UPDATE JULY 2014: Canada is currently NOT accepting cattle from Texas due to the cases of Vesicular Stomatitis. Canadian origin cattle RETURNING after less than 60 days in the U.S. are exempted. Please contact our office for requirements for returning Canadian origin cattle.

Download the file needed to get your animal into the country

- Go to www.aphis.usda.gov and follow the links in the left column – please note our website is undergoing constant change and previously bookmarked links very well may not work – at the time of preparing this document the link [here](#) takes you directly to the animal export IREGS.
- Click on Canada. Please read all of the information at the link for “Cattle (breeding)”, as there is important information that will answer many questions you may have!
- Please check the IREGs each time you complete a certificate for any updates or changes.
- ****Animals transiting Canada en route to Alaska must meet all of Canada’s requirements, as well as Alaska’s requirements****

Documents required by the USDA’s Office

- One original **Model Health Certificate** (preferably typed), with an original signature. The health certificate may be found on the IREGs at the following link: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals/downloads/ca_ca_breed_%20protocol_hc_14.pdf
- Original tests results as required. The tests must be signed in blue ink by the veterinarian submitting the certificate. Only original laboratory reports will be returned.
- Tuberculosis and brucellosis tests must be submitted as required (see below).

Testing requirements

- Brucellosis: STT or SPT negative at 1:50 – one test within 30 days of export for “established” herd, two tests for “assembled” herds (see IREGs for definitions of assembled vs established).
- TB: caudal fold test within 60 days of export, results must be recorded as “NO REACTION”.
- Anaplasmosis: **effective Apr 1st 2014 Canada no longer requires testing for Anaplasmosis.**
- Calves born after their dam was tested do not need to be tested if they accompany the dam, but they must be individually identified with permanent ID and recorded on the health certificate.

Additional Requirements

- An import permit is required for all cattle, and must be listed on the health certificate. This permit must be obtained from Canada – please visit the CFIA website for more information: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/imports/permit-application/eng/1374511671189/1374511696513>

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- Cattle must be identified with an official USDA metal ear tag or an NAIS compliant “840” RF ear tag, PLUS a tattoo of “USA” in the right ear (unless it is a female with the official US calfhood vaccination tattoo that includes the US registered shield and “V”). The tattoo must be listed on the MHC together with the ear tag number.

Completing the health certificate

- Complete all sections of the Model Health Certificate.
- For brucellosis, record the date bled in #4 and on Appendix 2.
- For TB, record the date read in #6 and on Appendix 2.
- Strike out the certification statements that don’t apply on #3 and #5. #11 only applies to cattle from Florida, so that entire section may be lined out. Initial all strike-outs.

Fee Schedule for endorsement by USDA:

Tests: (1-2) \$121.00 for the first animal and \$7.00 for each additional animal (on same cert).

Make checks and money orders payable to: USDA, APHIS. All credit cards are accepted. Cash is not accepted. Please include a driver’s license number on all checks.

Send your certificate(s) and payment to:

USDA, APHIS VS, 903 San Jacinto Blvd, Export Section, Room 262, Austin, TX 78701

ONLY SEND CERTIFICATES HERE IF SIGNED BY A TEXAS VETERINARIAN

Completed certificates will be returned to you by regular mail unless a prepaid, preaddressed, (addressed from you to you), air bill is provided. **WE CANNOT ACCEPT A HANDWRITTEN LABEL UNLESS THERE IS AN ACCOUNT NUMBER LISTED FOR PAYMENT.** Always keep the tracking numbers so you can check with the delivery service to find out the status of your documents. We do not provide the certificate status.

Walk-ins

We accept walk-ins between 7:30am and 11:30am. We can also either call you when your documents are completed or you may leave a prepaid, pre-addressed return air bill. Our office is open from 7:30am to 4:00pm M-F.

Contact Information – TEXAS CLIENTS ONLY!

Phone: 512-383-2411 Fax: 512 -916-5591 E-mail: expcerttx@aphis.usda.gov

Website: click [here](#) (if the link doesn’t work please contact us for a current link)

If you are in another state, please click [here](#) to locate correct contact information.