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Export of Cattle from the United States to Mexico

Download the file needed to get your animal into the country

- Go to <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/regulations/vs/iregs/animals>
- Click on Mexico. Please read all of the information on the IREGs, as there are several documents containing important information that will answer many questions you may have! Select the form required to export cattle into Mexico.
- Please check the IREGs each time you complete a certificate for any updates or changes.
- NOTE: a fillable Word document form of this certificate is available on our Texas website.
IMPORTANT NOTE July 31 2014: A new version of the model health certificate (MHC) has been posted to the IREGS. The certification statement indicating the cattle were sealed at the farm of origin has been removed, however that is STILL a requirement! Please make sure the accredited veterinarian seals the trailers and records the information on the MHC.

Documents required by the USDA's Office

- One original **typed** certificate without any type of line-outs or corrections.
- Original tests results as required. The tests must be signed in blue ink by the veterinarian submitting the certificate. Please do **not** submit all copies of your TB chart – distribute as you normally would, and send us a carbon copy or a signed copy.
- Tuberculosis, brucellosis, campylobacteriosis and trichomoniasis tests must be submitted as required (requirements are listed on the certificate).
- For RB51 vaccinated heifers less than 24 months old exempted from brucellosis testing, submit one of the following: 1. documentation signed by the submitting veterinarian, listing the animals' identification number(s) and the date that the vaccine was administered; 2. original RB51 vaccination certificate; or 3. documentation signed by the submitting veterinarian indicating that s/he has verified the animals are vaccinated by observing the official vaccination tattoo (if ALL animals on the certificate are RB51 vaccinated, individual IDs do not need to be listed, otherwise the letter must list the official IDs of the vaccinated animals).
- For virgin animals greater than 24 months of age, and/or cows pregnant by artificial insemination, exempted from Campylobacter and Trichomonas testing, submit documentation signed by the submitting veterinarian, listing the animals' ID numbers, stating "The animals are virgin" or "The animals are pregnant by artificial insemination". If all animals on the certificate are virgin, and the appropriate brackets from statement #8 are deleted, this letter is not required.

Completing the health certificate

- Leave the health certificate No. blank; this will be added by USDA personnel.
- Ensure complete addresses are listed for all parties on page 1. **P.O. Boxes are not acceptable.**
- Complete the animal identification information. If the ID is a tattoo or brand, the complete registration number **MUST** be listed as well. List ages in "months."
- **Avoid all abbreviations. For example: spell out the word "month" and the breed type.**
- Type the total number of cattle after the last listed description.
- Type the inspection date and the accredited veterinarian's name.
- The accredited veterinarian must sign the certificate.
- Type a page number on each page (Ex: page 1 of 8, page 2 of 8, etc.).
- **Do not add any additional information after the certification statements! Delete the "delete as appropriate" statements in brackets that do not apply to your shipment. If you are unable to delete, do NOT line out anything.**

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Fee Schedule for endorsement by USDA: The fee is determined by the number of tests.

No tests: \$52.00 for each certificate.

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

Tests: (3-6) \$150.00 for the first animal and \$12.00 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: <http://tinyurl.com/texasexport2> (scroll to the bottom of the page and select live animals)

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