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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. Select the form required to export cattle into Mexico.
- Please check the IREGs each time you complete a certificate for any updates or changes. Additional information regarding requirements and testing is also available on the IREGs.
- NOTE: a fillable Word document form of this certificate is available on our Texas website.

Documents required by the USDA's Office

- One original **typed** certificate without any type of deletions or corrections.
- Original tests results as required. The tests must be signed in blue ink by the veterinarian submitting the certificate. Only the original brucellosis and TB results will be returned.
- 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, or 2. submit original RB51 vaccination certificate.
- 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".

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. 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! When possible, use the Word document and delete the "delete as appropriate" statements in brackets. If you are unable to delete, do NOT line out anything.**

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

Tests: (1-2) \$117.00 for the first animal and \$6.75 for each additional animal (on same cert).

Tests: (3-6) \$145.00 for the first animal and \$11.00 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.

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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. 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

You may drop your documents off. We will either call you when they are completed or you may leave a prepaid, pre-addressed return air bill. There is a minimum 48 hours processing time.

Contact Information: Phone: 512-383-2411 Fax: 512 -916-5591 E-mail: expcerttx@aphis.usda.gov
Website: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/area_offices/states/txie_info.html