IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CANADA FOR FEEDER CATTLE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By definition, restricted feeder cattle are cattle that are exported to Canada for the purpose of feeding and subsequent slaughter. This includes steers, bulls, cows, heifers or weaned calves, exported for the purpose of fattening and slaughter.

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by an USDA accredited veterinarian and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must include the following: a) the name and address of the importer, b) the location of the importing feedlot if other than that of the importer, c) the name and address of the exporter, d) the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) import permit number, e) individual animal identification which must include the USDA ear tag number, age in months, breed, color and markings if any, and sex, and f) any other identification present on the animal including brands and registration number (if any). The model health certificate provided must be used

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The animals were born after January 01, 1999 in the United States or Canada and have resided in either country for their entire life.

2. The animals are identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA and are not under restriction for movement, slaughter or destruction control.

3. For at least sixty (60) days immediately prior to export, the animals were continually resident in an exporting state that is designated by the USDA as tuberculosis accredited-Free State and a cattle brucellosis class free state

4. The health certificate must state that animals were inspected by a veterinarian within thirty (30) days preceding the date of importation and it was determined that:

   a. The animals are free from any communicable disease.

   b. The animals are, to the best of the knowledge and belief of a veterinarian, not exposed to any communicable disease within sixty (60) days preceding the date of the inspection.

   c. The animals are fit to travel and can be transported to Canada without undue suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue, or any other cause.

   d. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the certifying veterinarian, the heifers/cows in the shipment are not in the second half of pregnancy and young stock included in the shipment have been weaned and are not on milk replacer.

5. During the previous twenty-one (21) days, the animal(s) in this shipment has/have not been in the Santa Cruz County in Arizona.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

6. The following animals do not meet the feeder cattle definition: cows with calves at foot, cows or heifers heavy in calf, or unweaned calves (including calves on milk replacer).

7. Individual animal identification which must include the number of the USDA ear tag or National Animal Identification System (NAIS) compliant “840" radio frequency (RF) ear tag inserted in the animal’s ear, or Canadian Cattle Identification Agency / Agri- Traçabilité Québec (CCIA/ATQ) tag if used in place of a US recognized tag, age in months, sex, breed, colour and markings if any, and any other identification present on the animal including brands.

8. Official USDA or State seals shall be applied to all animal exits of the truck(s) or trailer(s) containing the shipment by the accredited veterinarian following loading. The seal numbers and the number of animals in the shipment must be recorded on the certificate, and the certificate signed by the individual who applied the seals to verify their application.

9. All cattle exported to Canada as restricted feeders must be accompanied by an original certificate and one copy of that certificate. If the shipment is contained in several vehicles, the original plus one copy of the certificate shall accompany the initial vehicle of the shipment to the Canadian port of entry. Subsequent vehicles shall be accompanied by two copies of the export certificate, upon one of which are recorded the numbers of the seals applied to the vehicle and the number of animals being exported in the vehicle.

10. Two copies of the permit to import restricted feeder cattle into Canada must accompany every shipment.

11. The endorsing VS veterinarian shall send a copy of the completed export certificate by facsimile to the CFIA District Office whose staff oversees the importing feedlot. The facsimile number of the District Office is listed on the CFIA import permit.

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Veterinary Services

National Center for
Import and Export

Health Certificate No. _____
(Valid Only if USDA Veterinary Seal
Appears over the Certificate Number)

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF RESTRICTED FEEDER CATTLE TO CANADA

Exporter name/address:

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Importer name/address:

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Address of the importing feedlot if other than that of the importer:

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The cattle on this certificate are being exported to Canada as a restricted feeder under CFIA import permit number: _____

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

1. The animals were born after January 01, 1999 in the United States or Canada and have resided in either country for their entire life.

2. The animals are identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA and are not under restriction for movement, slaughter or destruction control.

3. For at least sixty (60) days immediately prior to export, the animals were continually resident in_____(state), a state that is designated by the USDA as tuberculosis accredited-free state and a cattle brucellosis class free state

4. The health certificate must state that animals were inspected by the certifying veterinarian within thirty (30) days preceding the date of importation and it was determined that:

    a. The animals are free from any communicable disease.

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b. The animals are, to the best of the knowledge and belief of a veterinarian, not exposed to any communicable disease within sixty (60) days preceding the date of the inspection.

c. The animals are fit to travel and can be transported to Canada without undue suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue, or any other cause.

d. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the certifying veterinarian, the heifers/cows in the shipment are not in the second half of pregnancy and young stock included in the shipment have been weaned and are not on milk replacer.

e. During the previous twenty-one (21) days, the animal(s) in this shipment has/have not been in Santa Cruz County in Arizona.

Number of animals in shipment: _____

The animals in this shipment are identified in the attached table at the end of this certificate.

Date of examination (must be within 30 days prior to the date of exportation)_____.

_____

Type or Print -Name and Address
of Issuing Accredited Veterinarian

_____

Type or Print -Name of Endorsing
Federal Veterinarian

_____

Date issued and signature of
Accredited Veterinarian

_____

Date Endorsed and Signature of
Federal Veterinarian (Valid only if
USDA seal appears over the signature)

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Row No.	Official ear tag or other approved	Age (mos)	Sex	Breed	Color	Description (including identifying markings, ear tags and brands)

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_____ _____

Date issued and signature of
Accredited Veterinarian

Date Endorsed and Signature of
Federal Veterinarian (Valid only if USDA)

Numbers of seals applied to vehicle:_____,_____, _____

_____,_____, _____

Number of animals in vehicle (if multiple vehicle shipment): _____

Seals applied by: Name (Print):_____

Signature: _____