

**1721.0130 IMPORTATION OF CATTLE.**

Subpart 1. **Requirement for official identification.** Breeding cattle, rodeo cattle, and all cattle for exhibition entering the state must be officially identified, except:

A. cattle originating from a farm of origin that are consigned to a state-federal approved livestock auction market;

B. cattle moving directly to a slaughtering establishment under federal inspection; and

C. cattle moving directly to a slaughter-only handling facility in a manner approved by the board.

Subp. 2. **Requirement for certificate of veterinary inspection.** Cattle imported into the state must be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection issued by an accredited veterinarian, except as provided in items A to E:

A. cattle originating from a farm of origin that are consigned to a state-federal approved livestock market;

B. cattle shipped directly to slaughtering establishments operating under federal inspection;

C. cattle moving directly to a slaughter-only handling facility in a manner approved by the board;

D. cattle returning from pasture to the herd of origin in the state under permit as outlined in subpart 4; or

E. cattle moved in accordance with a board-approved commuter herd agreement.

Subp. 3. **Contents of certificate of veterinary inspection.** If an animal is required to be officially identified, all official identification must be included on the certificate of veterinary inspection.

Subp. 4. **Cattle returned to Minnesota from pasture.** Cattle not under quarantine that are owned by state residents who are not livestock dealers may be returned to the premises of origin from pastures in adjacent states without tests or certificates of veterinary inspection if a permit is secured from the board prior to movement. Permits for return from pasture may be issued by the board if the pasture is owned, leased, or operated by the state resident, the pasture is contiguous to state land owned by the applicant, only the applicant's cattle are in the pasture, and the pasture has been inspected by a representative of the board.

Subp. 5. **Requirement for tuberculosis test.**

A. Rodeo cattle entering the state must be negative to an official tuberculosis test within the previous six months.

B. Cattle imported into the state for the purposes of breeding rodeo stock must be negative to an official tuberculosis test within the previous six months.

C. Mexican-origin cattle must be negative to two official tuberculosis tests. The second test must be done by an accredited veterinarian and be performed within 60 days prior to importation.

Subp. 6. **Requirement for an import permit.** A permit must be obtained from the board prior to the importation of all breeding cattle, all cattle for exhibition, and all cattle requiring a tuberculosis test under subpart 5, with the following exceptions:

A. cattle originating from a farm of origin that are consigned to a state-federal approved livestock market; or

B. cattle shipped directly to a slaughter establishment operating under federal inspection or to a slaughter-only handling facility.

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