

# Indiana Cattle Importation Rules

(1 Jan. 2015)—This fact sheet provides an update on Indiana's importation requirements based upon Animal Disease Traceability (ADT) rules and the bovine diseases currently of greatest concern.

## **Cattle moving into Indiana must have:**

### **Documentation**

- a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) within 30 days of entry
- an entry permit number ([www.in.gov/boah/2661.htm](http://www.in.gov/boah/2661.htm))

### **Exceptions:**

- Direct-to-slaughter
- Direct to an approved market
- Veterinary care (no ownership change)
- Passing through the state

### **Official ID**

BOAH recognizes three forms of identification as official for cattle and bison. All are approved by USDA for interstate movements.

- 840 tags (15-digit number beginning with 840)
- NUES (brite) tags
- Official USDA program tags (brucellosis)

All tags must have the US shield to be official. Producers must have a premises ID number to purchase official ID tags.

### **Official ID required for:**

- All sexually intact, 18 months or older
- All dairy breed females (including crosses)
- All dairy breed bulls and steers (including crosses and veal calves)
- All exhibition and rodeo animals

### **Exceptions:**

- Animals moving directly to a slaughter facility
- Animals moving directly to an approved market, where the animal will be ID'ed

### **A. Breeding cattle** must have:

- Tuberculosis and brucellosis tests (see requirements below)

### **B. Feeder cattle:**

- Steers may be listed as a group on the CVI
- Feeder heifers, if not moving in a breeding population, may be listed as a group. If a chance exists for them to be used for breeding, they must be individually identified on a CVI.

### **C. Slaughter cattle** should be listed as a group with a bill of lading.

**NOTE:** If entering from Montana, cattle must be tested for brucellosis.

If entering from California, Michigan, Minnesota or New Mexico, cattle must be tested for tuberculosis.

### **Brucellosis Testing Requirements**

- All test-eligible cattle entering Indiana for dairy or breeding purposes shall test negative within 30 days prior to entry, utilizing a test conducted at a state-federal laboratory. The following provisions apply to the required brucellosis entry test:
  - Calves less than 400 pounds and obviously younger than 180 days of age are exempt.
  - Exemption applies to officially vaccinated cattle of:
    - (A) Beef breeds younger than 24 months of age; and
    - (B) Dairy breeds younger than 20 months of age, which are accompanied by proof of vaccination with an approved brucella vaccine and are identified with a legible official vaccination tag.
- Dairy and breeding cattle that originate from a state designated **Class A (Montana)** or **Class B (none)** for brucellosis by the USDA must meet the following requirements:



Indiana State  
Board of Animal Health  
Cattle/Ruminant Division

(317) 544-2397  
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1. Animals originating from a certified brucellosis-free herd do not need a test to enter Indiana if the CVI accompanying the animal indicates the certified herd number and date of the last herd test. Last herd test must have been within the 12 months immediately prior to entering Indiana.
2. All other cattle must be tested within the 30 days immediately prior to entering Indiana and are quarantined at the point of destination to be retested between 45 and 90 days after entry.

## **Tuberculosis (TB) Testing Requirements**

- All sexually intact female cattle of dairy breeds (including crossbreeds) 6 months of age and older must test negative for TB within 60 days prior to entering Indiana, regardless of the state-of-origin status.
- From Modified Accredited Advanced states or zones (*most of Michigan, New Mexico and California*) Cattle and bison, excluding dairy breed females (see above), must test negative within 60 days prior to entry if they are 18 months of age and older.
- Modified Accredited states or zones (*TB-infected zone in northeastern Michigan and Minnesota*) Steers and spayed heifers two months of age and older must test negative within 60 days prior to entering.

## **Exceptions to TB testing requirements**

(all sexes, breeds, and states or zones)

- Direct-to-slaughter or to slaughter through only one approved livestock facility
- Originating from an accredited herd (accredited number must be provided)
- BOAH-approved commuter herd agreement.