



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:1-17-03 Import requirements for breeding cattle and bison.

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(A) Except for the purposes of paragraphs (B), (C), and (D) of this rule, all cattle and captive bovinæ imported into Ohio for breeding purposes shall:

(1) Be accompanied by an interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days prior to entry and be identified with official individual identification; and

(2) Meet the following tuberculosis requirements:

(a) Originate from an accredited free state or zone; or

(b) Originate from a modified accredited advanced state or zone and meet the following:

(i) Originate from an accredited herd; or

(ii) Have an individual negative tuberculosis test within sixty days prior to entry; or

(c) Originate from a modified accredited state or zone and meet the following:

(i) Originate from an accredited herd; or

(ii) Originate from a herd that has completed a whole herd negative tuberculosis test within twelve months prior to entry; and

(iii) Have an individual negative tuberculosis test within sixty days prior to entry; and

(iv) Obtain a permit.

(d) Originate from an accreditation preparatory state or zone and meet the following:

(i) Originate from an accredited herd; and

(ii) Have an individual negative tuberculosis test within sixty days prior to entry; and

(iii) Obtain a permit.

(e) Cattle or captive bovinæ imported into Ohio for breeding purposes which originate from a non-accredited state or zone can only enter Ohio for slaughter in compliance with rule 901:1-17-10 of the Administrative Code.



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(f) All tuberculosis tests must be conducted by an approved veterinarian.

(g) Animals which travel out of Ohio for exhibition purposes in a modified accredited, accreditation preparatory or non-accredited state or zone, must meet the requirements set forth in paragraphs (A)(1), (A)(2)(c), (A)(2)(d), and (A)(2)(e) of this rule in order to return to or be imported into Ohio.

(3) Meet the following brucellosis requirements:

(a) Originate from a herd located in a certified brucellosis free state; or

(b) Originate from a class A state and be:

(i) From certified brucellosis free herd, or

(ii) Not test eligible, or

(iii) Test eligible and negative to a brucellosis test within thirty days prior to entry, or

(c) Originate from a class B state and be:

(i) From certified brucellosis free herd, with a permit prior to entry and shall be quarantined and retested in forty-five to one hundred twenty days post entry or after becoming test eligible, or

(ii) Not test eligible with a permit prior to entry and shall be quarantined and retested in forty-five to one hundred twenty days post entry or after becoming test eligible, or

(iii) Test eligible, and meet the following requirements:

(a) Accompanied with evidence of a negative brucellosis test within thirty days prior to entry; and

(b) Obtain a permit prior to entry; and

(c) Shall be quarantined and retested forty-five to one hundred twenty days post entry.

(d) Originate from a class C state from a certified brucellosis free herd and be retested forty-five to one hundred twenty days post entry or after becoming test eligible.



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(e) For purposes of this rule, test eligible cattle and captive bovine are:

- (i) Nonvaccinates over six months of age, except steers and spayed heifers.
- (ii) Official vaccinates of the dairy breeds twenty months of age and over (as evidenced by partial eruption of the first pair of permanent incisor teeth).
- (iii) Official vaccinates of the beef breeds twenty-four months of age and over (as evidenced by the first pair of fully erupted permanent incisor teeth).
- (iv) Parturient or post parturient animals.

(f) A legible vaccination tattoo will be accepted as proof of vaccination.

(g) Brucellosis tests required under this rule shall either be conducted by or confirmed by a state or federally approved laboratory.

(4) Meet the following trichomoniasis requirements:

(a) All bulls over twenty-four months of age and all non-virgin bulls less than twenty-four months of age shall have:

- (i) One negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test within thirty days prior to importation; and
- (ii) Samples submitted for testing shall be collected by a licensed accredited veterinarian and the test is conducted by a state or federally approved laboratory.

(b) Bulls meeting the following requirements are exempted from the trichomoniasis testing requirements of this rule:

- (i) Virgin bulls less than twenty-four months of age accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection containing a signed statement from an approved veterinarian that the bulls have had no contact with breeding females.
- (ii) Bulls imported into Ohio for immediate slaughter only or those consigned directly to a licensed slaughter establishment or to a licensed livestock market and then directly to a licensed slaughter establishment.



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(B) Cattle or captive bovine imported into Ohio for breeding purposes from an accredited free state or zone and a certified free state may be consigned to a USDA approved livestock market licensed under Chapter 943. of the Revised Code when they are officially individually identified and:

(1) The animals meet the requirements listed in paragraph (A)(4) of this rule; and

(2) Are accompanied by either of the following movement documents:

(a) A certificate of veterinary inspection which has been issued within thirty days prior to entry; or

(b) An owner/shipper statement or alternative movement document issued within thirty days prior to entry.

(3) Include the following information to be listed on their movement documents:

(a) The date of shipment shall be listed on an owner/shipper statement or alternative movement document or the date of examination shall be listed on the certificate of veterinary inspection;

(b) The number of cattle or captive bovine within the shipment;

(c) The sex of the cattle or captive bovine within the shipment;

(d) The breed of the cattle or captive bovine within the shipment;

(e) The age of the cattle or captive bovine within the shipment;

(f) The name and address of the owner prior to the shipment;

(g) The name and address of the destination; and

(h) The official individual identification of all cattle and captive bovine within the shipment.

(C) Official individual identification for cattle or captive bovine as required under this rule shall mean that the cattle or captive bovine are identified by:

(1) An official eartag bearing the U.S. shield as defined in 9 CFR part 86.4 which must be readable both visually and electronically; or

(2) A national uniform ear tag system (NUES) number metal tag if applied to the animal prior to November 5, 2024.



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(D) Cattle and captive bovinæ imported into Ohio for breeding purposes from an accredited free state or zone and a certified free state may be consigned to a USDA approved livestock market licensed under Chapter 943. of the Revised Code which has also been designated as a tagging site when:

(1) The animals meet the requirements listed in paragraph (A)(4) of this rule; and

(2) Are accompanied by either of the following movement documents:

(a) An interstate certificate of veterinary inspection which has been issued within thirty days prior to entry and also includes a statement indicating the animals to be imported shall be officially individually identified at the approved tagging site; or

(b) An owner/shipper statement or alternative movement document issued within thirty days prior to entry which includes a statement indicating the animals to be imported shall be officially individually identified at the approved tagging site.

(3) Include the following information to be listed on their movement documents:

(a) The date of shipment shall be listed on an owner/shipper statement or alternative movement document; or the date of examination shall be listed on the certificate of veterinary inspection;

(b) The number of cattle or captive bovinæ within the shipment;

(c) The sex of the cattle or captive bovinæ within the shipment;

(d) The breed of the cattle or captive bovinæ within the shipment;

(e) The age of the cattle or captive bovinæ within the shipment;

(f) The name and address of the owner prior to the shipment;

(g) The name and address of the destination; and

(h) The official individual identification of all cattle and captive bovinæ within the shipment.