



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 901:1-17-04 Cattle and bison imported for feeding and grazing.

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(A) Cattle or captive bovinæ imported into Ohio for purposes of feeding and grazing shall:

- (1) Remain in slaughter channels until they move to slaughter;
- (2) Be less than twenty months of age (as evidenced by the lack of the first pair of permanent incisor teeth);
- (3) Not be pregnant; and
- (4) The following animals shall be officially identified:
 - (a) All sexually intact cattle and captive bovinæ over eighteen months of age; and
 - (b) All dairy cattle of any age, including steers and spayed heifers.
- (5) Be accompanied by either of the following movement documents:
 - (a) An interstate certificate of veterinary inspection issued within thirty days prior to entry; or
 - (b) An owner/shipper statement or alternative movement document issued within thirty days prior to entry and a copy of which shall be immediately forwarded to the Ohio department of agriculture, division of animal health within seven days. If the animals are consigned to a USDA approved livestock market licensed under Chapter 943. of the Revised Code a copy of the owner/shipper statement does not need to be forwarded to the division.
- (6) Include the following information to be listed on their movement documents:
 - (a) The date of the shipment shall be listed on the 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 within the shipment;
 - (c) The sex of the cattle within the shipment;
 - (d) Designation of whether the animals are dairy or beef cattle;
 - (e) The average weight per head of the cattle within the shipment;
 - (f) The name and address of the owner prior to shipment;



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- (g) The name and address of the destination; and
- (h) The official identification number of all cattle, except for the following animals:
 - (i) All sexually intact beef cattle under eighteen months of age; and
 - (ii) Steers and spayed heifers, of any breed.
- (7) Meet the following tuberculosis requirements:
 - (a) Originate from an accredited herd; or
 - (b) Originate from an accredited free state or zone; or
 - (c) Originate from a modified accredited advanced state or zone and be identified with official individual identification; or
 - (d) Originate from a modified accredited state or zone, have a negative tuberculosis test within sixty days prior to entry and be identified with official individual identification; or
 - (e) If the animal seeking to be imported into the state of Ohio originated from an accreditation preparatory state or zone or a non-accredited state or zone, it will be prohibited from entering Ohio for the purposes of feeding or grazing.
- (B) Official identification for cattle or captive bovinæ as required by this rule shall mean that the cattle or captive bovinæ 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.
- (C) Cattle or captive bovinæ which are designated for feeding and grazing and are not in compliance with paragraph (A) of this rule must meet the requirements of rule 901:1-17-03 of the Administrative Code (import requirements for breeding cattle).
- (D) Cattle or captive bovinæ originally imported into Ohio for the purposes of feeding and grazing may later be utilized for breeding purposes with a permit from the department which may stipulate additional test requirements.