



# Cattle

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Cattle include all dairy and beef animals (genus Bos) and bison (genus Bison).

Interstate Movement (Out-of-State Moving into Texas)	Intrastate Movement (Texas Moving within Texas)
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Prohibited and Restricted Movement:</b> Any animal that is affected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may not enter the state. Entry into Texas may be granted on a case-by-case basis only after permission is granted from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) (<a href="#">4 TAC §51.5</a>). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li>2. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:</b> A certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) is required within 30 days prior to entry into Texas (<a href="#">§51.2(b)</a>), unless otherwise noted or excepted.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 <u>Note:</u> Additional statements or language may be required on the CVI for specific species and diseases (<a href="#">51.2(b)(C)</a>). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li>2.2 <u>Note:</u> All bovine coming from a vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) affected state must have a CVI issued within 14 days prior to entry (<a href="#">§51.7(d)</a>).</li> <li>2.3 <u>Exception:</u> Cattle 18 months of age and over delivered directly from the farm of origin to slaughter (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(1)</a>);</li> <li>2.4 <u>Exception:</u> Beef breed cattle 18 months of age and over entering from other than a farm-of-origin may be moved to slaughter, or to an approved feedyard when accompanied by a VS 1-27 Form (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(2)</a>);</li> <li>2.5 <u>Exception:</u> Beef breed steers, spayed heifers, and beef breed cattle under 18 months of age originating in New Mexico which are accompanied by a New Mexico official CVI (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(8)</a>).</li> <li>2.6 <u>Owner-Shipper Statements:</u> An owner shipper statement may accompany certain cattle in lieu of a CVI in the following instances:</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Prohibited and Restricted Movement:</b> Any animal that is under a Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) quarantine cannot be moved from a quarantined area unless movement is authorized by the TAHC (<a href="#">4 TAC §51.5</a>). Contact the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</li> <li>2. <b>Certificate of Veterinary Inspection:</b> Cattle are not required to obtain a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI), unless otherwise noted or excepted.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 <u>Note:</u> Cattle must meet the same requirements as for those entering from out-of-state, and be accompanied by a CVI when entering interstate shows, fairs, and exhibitions (<a href="#">§51.4(b)(3)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>Exhibition and Event Requirements:</b> <a href="http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show">www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show</a></li> <li>4. <b>Official Identification Requirements</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.1 All dairy cattle must be <a href="#">officially identified</a> prior to movement (<a href="#">§43.2(n)</a>).</li> <li>4.2 All registered bulls certified as a virgin bull (<a href="#">§38.1(26)</a>) must be identified by an official identification device or method (<a href="#">§38.2(b)</a>).</li> <li>4.3 All bulls tested for trichomoniasis must be officially identified at the time the initial test sample is collected (<a href="#">§38.2(b)</a>).</li> <li>4.4 Untested bulls to be sold and moved under a Hold Order to such place as specified by the TAHC for testing to change status from a slaughter bull must be officially individually identified with a permanent form of identification prior to movement, unless otherwise excepted (<a href="#">§38.2(d)(3)</a>).                   <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4.4.1 <u>Exception:</u> Untested bulls moving directly to slaughter (<a href="#">§38.2(d)(1)</a>).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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<p>2.6.1 Beef breed cattle 18 months of age and over delivered directly to a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) specifically approved livestock market by the owner or consigned there (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(3)</a>);</p> <p>2.6.2 Beef breed steers, spayed heifers, beef breed cattle under 18 months of age, delivered by the owner or consigned to:</p> <p>2.6.2.1 slaughter (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(4)</a>), or</p> <p>2.6.2.2 a livestock market (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(4)</a>), or</p> <p>2.6.2.3 a feedlot for feeding for slaughter (<a href="#">§51.3(a)(5)</a>).</p> <p>2.6.3 A breeding bull that is 12 months of age or older enters from a premises of origin (farm, ranch, or dairy where the bull has been raised or maintained for breeding purposes) and moves directly to a federally approved livestock market (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(G)</a>).</p> <p>3. <b>Entry Permits:</b> Unless otherwise noted or excepted, an entry permit is not required for cattle. Entry permits may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at <a href="mailto:permits@tahc.texas.gov">permits@tahc.texas.gov</a>.</p> <p>3.1 An entry permit is required for the following movements:</p> <p>3.1.1 All sexually intact dairy cattle that are less than two months of age (<a href="#">§51.8(b)(3)</a>).</p> <p>3.1.2 Dairy cattle delivered to an approved feedlot for feeding for slaughter by the owner or consigned there (<a href="#">§51.8(b)(3)</a>).</p> <p>3.1.3 All "M" branded steers, which are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock (<a href="#">§51.8(b)(4)</a>).</p> <p>3.1.4 Female cattle 12 months of age or older that originate from a known trichomoniasis positive herd, or exposed to a known trichomoniasis positive bull entering directly to an approved slaughtering establishment (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(3)</a>).</p> <p>3.1.5 All breeding bulls and sexually intact female cattle entering directly from the Brucellosis Designated Surveillance Area (DSA) located in the states of Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(D)</a>).</p>	<p>4.5 All cattle tested for brucellosis must be identified with either an official eartag, an individual registration tattoo, or individual registration brand. All cattle in priority herds except steers, spayed heifers, and bulls under 18 months must be officially identified regardless of test eligibility (<a href="#">§35.2(d)(3)</a> and <a href="#">§35.2(e)(B &amp; C)</a>).</p> <p>4.6 A calfhood brucellosis vaccinated animal must be permanently identified (<a href="#">§35.2(m)(1)(2)</a>).</p> <p>4.7 Adult brucellosis vaccinated cattle that have been vaccinated over calfhood age as part of authorized whole-herd vaccination plans must be permanently identified (<a href="#">§35.2(m)(1)(3)</a>).</p> <p>4.8 All animals tested for tuberculosis must be permanently individually identified by an official identification device, an official registration tattoo or an official registration brand as specifically recognized or authorized by the TAHC (<a href="#">§43.2(e)</a>).</p> <p>4.9 All cattle that are parturient or post parturient or 18 months of age and older must be officially identified with an official eartag or other form of official permanent identification as approved by the TAHC within seven days of the change of ownership (<a href="#">§50.3(a)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>4.9.1 <b>Exception:</b> Steers and spayed heifers changing ownership (<a href="#">§50.3(a)</a>).</p> <p>4.9.2 <b>Exception:</b> Cattle that are sold or consigned to move to a state or federally approved slaughter establishment within seven days of the change of ownership, where they are harvested within three days of arrival at the establishment (<a href="#">§50.3(b)</a>).</p> <p>5. <b>Testing Requirements</b></p> <p>5.1 <b>Trichomoniasis:</b></p> <p>5.1.1 All Texas origin bulls sold, leased, gifted, exchanged or otherwise change possession for breeding purposes in Texas must meet the following testing or certification</p>

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<p>3.2 <b>Note:</b> Breeding bulls, 12 months of age or older, may require entry permits to enter as required in <a href="#">§51.8(c)</a>. Please refer to section “7.3 Trichomoniasis” for entry permit requirements.</p> <p>4. <b>Exhibition and Event Requirements:</b>  <a href="http://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show">www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/entry.html#show</a></p> <p>5. <b>Official Identification Requirements:</b> The following cattle are required to have <a href="#">official identification</a> prior to entry:</p> <p>5.1 Cattle which are parturient, postparturient or 18 months of age and over (as evidenced by the loss of the first pair of temporary incisor teeth) (<a href="#">§51.8(a)</a>), unless otherwise excepted;</p> <p>5.1.1 <b>Exception:</b> Steers and spayed heifers being shipped to a feedyard prior to slaughter (<a href="#">§51.8(a)</a>).</p> <p>5.2 All dairy breed animals, including steers and spayed heifers (<a href="#">§51.8(b)(3)</a>);</p> <p>5.3 A breeding bull that is 12 months of age or older (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(1)</a>); and</p> <p>5.4 Cattle and bison of any age used for rodeo, recreational events, shows, or exhibitions (<a href="#">9 CFR 86.4(b)(1)(iii)</a>).</p> <p>6. <b>Vaccination Requirements:</b></p> <p>6.1 <b>Brucellosis:</b></p> <p>6.1.1 All non-vaccinated female cattle between 4 and 12 months of age must be officially vaccinated prior to entry (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(1)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>6.1.1.1 <b>Exception:</b> Female cattle entering for purposes of shows, fairs and exhibitions and returning to their original location (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(1)(A)</a>).</p> <p>6.1.1.2 <b>Exception:</b> Female cattle moving within commuter herds (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(1)(B)</a>).</p> <p>6.1.1.3 <b>Exception:</b> Spayed heifers (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(1)(C)</a>).</p> <p>6.1.1.4 <b>Exception:</b> Female cattle from free states (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(1)(D)</a>). Free states are defined in <a href="#">9 CFR 78.1</a> and <a href="#">9 CFR 78.43</a>.</p>	<p>requirements prior to sale or change of ownership (<a href="#">§38.2(a)</a>):</p> <p>5.1.1.1 Be certified as virgin and accompanied by a <a href="#">breeder's certificate of virgin status</a> (<a href="#">§38.2(a)(1)</a> and <a href="#">§38.1(26)</a>); or</p> <p>5.1.1.2 If from a herd of unknown status (a herd that has not had a whole herd test), be tested negative on three consecutive culture tests conducted not less than seven days apart or one RT-PCR test conducted within 60 days of sale or movement, be held separate from all female cattle since the test sample was collected, and be accompanied by a trichomoniasis test record showing the negative test results (<a href="#">§38.2(a)(2)</a>).</p> <p>5.1.2 Bulls presented for sale without a breeder's certification of virgin status or a trichomoniasis test record showing negative test results may (<a href="#">§38.2(d)</a>):</p> <p>5.1.2.1 Be sold for movement only directly to slaughter (<a href="#">§38.2(d)(1)</a>); or</p> <p>5.1.2.2 Sold for movement to an approved feedlot and then to slaughter, or transported back to a livestock market under permit issued by the TAHC, to be sold in accordance with Ch. 38 (<a href="#">§38.2(d)(2)</a>); or</p> <p>5.1.2.3 Be sold and moved under a Hold Order to such place as specified by the TAHC for testing to change status from a slaughter bull (<a href="#">§38.2(d)(3)</a>).</p> <p>(a) <b>Note:</b> The bull may move to the designated location on</p>

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<p>6.1.2 Cattle entering Texas directly from a Brucellosis DSA located in the states of Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana:</p> <p>6.1.2.1 Nonvaccinated sexually intact females between 4 and 12 months of age must be officially vaccinated prior to entry (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(C)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>(a) <u>Exception</u>: Cattle for immediate slaughter (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(C)</a>); or</p> <p>(b) <u>Exception</u>: Cattle for feeding for slaughter (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(C)</a>).</p> <p><b>7. Testing Requirements:</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Brucellosis:</b></p> <p>7.1.1 All non-quarantined cattle that are parturient or post parturient or that are 18 months of age and over, from a class free state or area; or a certified free herd; or a commuter herd must test negative within 30 days prior to entry (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(2)(A),(B),(C)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>7.1.1.1 <u>Exception</u>: Steers and spayed heifers entering Texas (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(2)</a>).</p> <p>7.1.2 Cattle entering Texas directly from a Brucellosis DSA located in the states of Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana:</p> <p>7.1.2.1 All breeding bulls and sexually intact female cattle must be tested for brucellosis 60 to 120 days post entry or other time frames as approved by the TAHC to accommodate unique management practices (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(A)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>(a) <u>Exception</u>: Cattle for immediate slaughter (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(A)</a>); or</p> <p>(b) <u>Exception</u>: Cattle for feeding for slaughter in a feedlot (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(A)</a>).</p>	<p>a movement permit, and be held in isolation from female cattle at the designated location where the bull shall undergo testing (<a href="#">§38.2(d)(3)</a>).</p> <p>(b) <u>Note</u>: If the results of any test are positive, the bull shall be classified as infected and be permitted for movement only directly to slaughter or to a market for sale directly to slaughter (<a href="#">§38.2(d)(3)</a>).</p> <p>5.1.2.4 Be sold and moved to another physical location under permit issued by TAHC personnel, and then to a livestock market or location to be resold within seven days from the date of issuance. The bull cannot be commingled with female cattle during the seven days (<a href="#">§38.2(d)(4)</a>).</p> <p><b>5.2 Tuberculosis:</b></p> <p>5.2.1 Cattle originating from Mexico utilized as rodeo and/or roping stock:</p> <p>5.2.1.1 All sexually intact cattle must be retested annually for tuberculosis at the owner's expense and the test records must be maintained with the animal and available for review (<a href="#">§51.8(7)(C)(i)</a>).</p> <p>5.2.1.2 All sexually neutered horned cattle imported from Mexico are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock and must (<a href="#">§51.8(7)(C)(ii)</a>):</p> <p>8.4.3.1.1 Be retested for tuberculosis annually at</p>

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<p>7.1.2.2 Sexually intact female cattle that have not calved must be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving (post parturient) or other time frames as approved by the TAHC to accommodate unique management practices (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(B)</a>).</p> <p>7.1.3 Cattle entering from Idaho, Montana or Wyoming currently <i>do not</i> reside in the DSA:</p> <p>7.1.3.1 All breeding bulls and post parturient female cattle must have tested negative for brucellosis at least 60 days after leaving the DSA, or the CVI must state the cattle represented never resided in the DSA (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(4)(A)(i-ii)</a>).</p> <p>7.1.3.2 Sexually intact female cattle entering Texas that have not calved must be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving (post parturient) or other time frames as approved by the TAHC to accommodate unique management practices or the CVI must state the cattle represented never resided in the DSA (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(4)(B)</a>).</p> <p>7.1.4 Requirements for cattle entering Texas from states other than Idaho, Wyoming, and Montana that previously resided in the DSA:</p> <p>7.1.4.1 Cattle tested negative for brucellosis at least 60 days after leaving the DSA (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(5)(A)</a>); or</p> <p>7.1.4.2 All breeding bulls and sexually intact female cattle must be tested for brucellosis 60 to 120 days post entry or other time frames as approved by the TAHC to accommodate unique management practices</p>	<p>the owner’s expense and the test records must be maintained with the animal and available for review (<a href="#">§51.8(7)(C)(ii)(II)</a>).</p> <p>6. <b>Other Requirements or Recommendations:</b></p> <p>6.1 <b>Fever Ticks:</b> For fever tick requirements, visit <a href="#">§41.5</a>.</p> <p>6.2 <b>Brucellosis Vaccination:</b> It is recommended that all female cattle between four and 12 months of age being purchased or sold for use in grazing, breeding, or dairying operations be officially vaccinated (<a href="#">§35.4(c)</a>).</p> <p>6.3 <b>Bovine Viral Diarrhea:</b> For bovine viral diarrhea requirements, visit <a href="#">§44.2</a>.</p>

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<p align="center">(<a href="#">§35.4(b)(5)(B)</a> &amp; <a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(A)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>(a) <u>Exception</u>: Cattle for immediate slaughter (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(5)(B)</a> &amp; <a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(A)</a>); or</p> <p>(b) <u>Exception</u>: Cattle for feeding for slaughter in a feedlot (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(5)(B)</a> &amp; <a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(A)</a>).</p> <p>7.1.4.3 Sexually intact females that have not calved must be held until tested negative 30 to 90 days after calving or other time frames as approved by the TAHC to accommodate unique management practices (<a href="#">§35.4(b)(5)(B)</a> &amp; <a href="#">§35.4(b)(3)(B)</a>).</p> <p><b>7.2 Tuberculosis:</b></p> <p>7.2.1 All "M" branded steers, which are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock must test negative for tuberculosis within 12 months prior to entry (<a href="#">§51.8(4)</a>).</p> <p>7.2.2 All sexually intact dairy cattle, that are two months of age or older, must test negative to an official tuberculosis test within 60 days prior to entry (<a href="#">§51.8(3)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>7.2.2.1 <u>Exception</u>: Animals which originate from a tuberculosis accredited herd, and/or animals moving directly to an approved slaughtering establishment (<a href="#">§51.8(3)</a>).</p> <p>7.2.2.2 <u>Exception</u>: Dairy cattle delivered to an approved feedlot for feeding for slaughter by the owner or consigned there and accompanied by a CVI and entry permit (<a href="#">§51.8(3)</a>).</p> <p>7.2.3 All sexually intact dairy cattle that are less than two months of age must obtain an entry permit to a designated facility where the animals will be held until they are tested negative at the age of two months (<a href="#">§51.8(3)</a>).</p>	<p><i>Cattle intrastate movement requirements are listed on pages 1-4.</i></p>



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<p>7.2.4 All beef cattle, bison and sexually neutered dairy cattle originating from a state or zone with anything less than a tuberculosis free state status and having an identified wildlife reservoir for tuberculosis or that have never been declared free from tuberculosis must be tested negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the appropriate status requirements as contained in <a href="#">9 CFR §§ 77.10-19</a>.</p> <p>7.2.5 All sexually intact dairy cattle originating from a state or area with anything less than a tuberculosis free state status must test negative for tuberculosis in accordance with the appropriate requirements for states or zones with a status as provided by <a href="#">9 CFR §§ 77.10-19</a>, for that status (<a href="#">§51.8(3)</a>).</p> <p><b>7.3 Trichomoniasis</b></p> <p>7.3.1 A breeding bull that is 12 months of age or older must test negative for Trichomoniasis with an official test within 60 days prior to the date of entry (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(1)</a>), unless otherwise excepted.</p> <p>7.3.1.1 <u>Exception</u>: Bison (<a href="#">§38.1(3)</a>).</p> <p>7.3.1.2 <u>Exception</u>: The bull enters on and is moved by a permit for the purpose of participating at a fair, show, exhibition or rodeo, remains in the state for less than 60 days from the date of entry, and is isolated from female cattle at all times (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(A)</a>).</p> <p>(a) <u>Note</u>: A bull that is in this state on or after the 60th day from the date of entry must test negative for Trichomoniasis with an official RT-PCR test (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(A)</a>).</p> <p>7.3.1.3 <u>Exception</u>: The bull enters on and is moved by a permit, issued prior to entry, directly to a feedyard that has executed a</p>	<p><i>Cattle intrastate movement requirements are listed on pages 1-4.</i></p>

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<p>Trichomoniasis Certified Facility Agreement (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(B)</a>).</p> <p>7.3.1.4 <u>Exception</u>: The bull enters on and is moved by a permit, issued prior to entry, directly to a facility that tests the gain and feed conversion of cattle (bull test station) that isolates the bull from female cattle at all times. The bull must return to the out-of-state premises destination directly from the bull test station or test negative for Trichomoniasis with an official RT-PCR test (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(C)</a>).</p> <p>7.3.1.5 <u>Exception</u>: A Texas bull that is enrolled in an out-of-state facility that tests the gain and feed conversion of cattle (bull test station) and isolates the bull from female cattle at all times may move directly to the Texas premises of origin (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(D)</a>).</p> <p>7.3.1.6 <u>Exception</u>: The bull is enrolled at an out-of-state semen collection facility, which complies with Certified Semen Services Minimum Requirements for Disease Control of Semen Produced for Artificial Insemination, that isolates the bull from female cattle at all times and the bull is moved directly from a semen collection facility into the state (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(E)</a>).</p> <p>7.3.1.7 <u>Exception</u>: The bull originates from a herd that is enrolled in a Certified Trichomoniasis Free Herd Program or other certification program that is substantially similar, as determined by the TAHC Executive Director, to the program requirements provided by §38.8 (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(F)</a>).</p>	<p><i>Cattle intrastate movement requirements are listed on pages 1-4.</i></p>

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<p>7.3.1.8 <b>Exception:</b> The bull enters from a premises of origin (farm, ranch, or dairy where the bull has been raised or maintained for breeding purposes) and moves directly to a federally approved livestock market with an owner shipper statement (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(G)</a>).</p> <p>7.3.1.9 <b>Exception:</b> The bull enters from other than a premises of origin and is moved by a permit, issued prior to entry, directly to a federally approved livestock market that isolates the bull from female cattle at all times and the bull is trichomoniasis tested as required by §38.2 (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(2)(H)</a>).</p> <p>7.2.3 Female cattle 12 months of age or older that originate from a known trichomoniasis positive herd, or exposed to a known trichomoniasis positive bull, may not enter the state unless the animal is officially identified and enters on and is moved by a permit, issued prior to entry from the commission, in accordance with §51.2(a) of this title, directly to an approved slaughtering establishment (<a href="#">§51.8(c)(3)</a>).</p> <p><b>8. Other Requirements:</b></p> <p>8.2 <b>Scabies:</b> For requirements regarding scabies, visit <a href="#">§51.7(a)</a>.</p> <p>8.3 <b>Screwworms:</b> For requirements regarding screwworms, visit <a href="#">§51.7(b)</a>.</p> <p>8.4 <b>Fever Ticks:</b> For requirements regarding fever ticks, visit <a href="#">§51.7(c)</a>.</p>	<p><i>Cattle intrastate movement requirements are listed on pages 1-4.</i></p>

<p><b>International Movement</b> (Cattle moved into Texas from foreign countries)</p>
<p>1. <b>Prohibited and Restricted Movement:</b> Any animal that is affected, exposed or quarantined in any manner for an infectious, contagious, or communicable disease may not enter the state. Entry into Texas may be granted on a case-by-case basis only after permission is granted from the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) (<a href="#">4 TAC §51.5</a>). Contact TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.</p>

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3. **Entry Permits:** An entry permit is not required for cattle, unless otherwise excepted in the sections below. Entry permits may be obtained at any time by calling 512-719-0777, or 1-800-550-8242, ext. 777, or by emailing the TAHC at [permits@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:permits@tahc.texas.gov).
4. **Brucellosis Requirements:**
  - 4.1 Requirements for cattle from foreign countries without comparable brucellosis status that enter and remain in Texas (Note: Cattle from foreign countries with comparable brucellosis status would enter by meeting the requirements for a state with similar status.) ([§35.4\(a\)](#)).
    - 4.1.1 Permit Requirement: Sexually intact cattle must obtain an "E" permit from the TAHC prior to moving to a destination in Texas other than direct to slaughter, quarantined feedlot, or designated pens. The permit number must be entered on the Importation Certificate (VS Form 17-30) and a copy of that certificate forwarded to the TAHC's central office in Austin immediately following issuance ([§35.4\(a\)\(1\)](#)).
    - 4.1.2 Branding Requirements:
      - 4.1.2.1 Sexually intact cattle destined for a quarantined feedlot or designated pen must be "S"-branded prior to or upon arrival at the quarantined feedlot or designated pen ([§35.4\(a\)\(2\)\(A\)](#)).
      - 4.1.2.2 Spayed heifers must be identified by branding prior to entry ([§35.4\(a\)\(2\)\(B\)](#)).
    - 4.1.3 Official Identification Requirements: All cattle must meet the requirements contained in [§35.4](#). Cattle which are parturient, postparturient or 18 months of age and over (as evidenced by the loss of the first pair of temporary incisor teeth), except steers and spayed heifers being shipped to a feedyard prior to slaughter, must be officially individually identified with a permanent identification device prior to leaving the state of origin ([§51.8\(a\)](#)).
    - 4.1.4 Vaccination Requirement: Nonvaccinated sexually intact female cattle between 4 and 12 months of age entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in a quarantined feedlot or designated pen must be placed under quarantine on arrival and officially brucellosis vaccinated ([§35.4\(a\)\(3\)](#)).
    - 4.1.5 Testing Requirements:
      - 4.1.5.1 Bulls entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding in a quarantined feedlot or designated pen must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and placed under quarantine and retested 120 to 180 days after arrival ([§35.4\(a\)\(4\)](#)).
      - 4.1.5.2 All sexually intact female cattle entering for purposes other than immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in a quarantined feedlot or designated pen must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and placed under quarantine on arrival and retested for brucellosis in no less than 120 days nor more than 180 days after arrival for release of the quarantine; however, if the sexually intact female cattle have not had their first calf prior to the 120 to 180 day post entry test, the quarantine will not be released until a second negative test for brucellosis is conducted no sooner than

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30 days after the animal has had its first calf and the second negative test has been confirmed ([§35.4\(a\)\(5\)](#)).

4.1.5.3 All sexually intact cattle destined for feeding for slaughter in a quarantined feedlot or designated pen must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian. These cattle must be "S"-branded prior to or upon arrival at the quarantined feedlot or designated pen, and may move to the quarantined feedlot or designated pen only in sealed trucks with a VS 1-27 permit issued by a representative of TAHC or USDA ([§35.4\(a\)\(6\)](#)).

### 5. Tuberculosis Requirements:

5.1 All other cattle from foreign countries, foreign states, or areas within foreign countries defined by the TAHC, with comparable tuberculosis status, would enter by meeting the requirements for a state with similar status as stated in paragraphs [§51.8\(b\)\(1\)](#), [§51.8\(b\)\(2\)](#), and [§51.8\(b\)\(3\)](#) ([§51.8\(b\)\(5\)](#)).

5.2 All sexually intact cattle, from any foreign country or part thereof with no recognized comparable tuberculosis status:

5.2.1 To be held for purposes other than for immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen, must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and shall be under quarantine on the first premise of destination in Texas pending a negative tuberculosis test no earlier than 120 days and no later than 180 days after arrival. The test will be performed by a veterinarian employed by the TAHC or APHIS/VS ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(A\)](#)).

5.2.2 When destined for feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen, cattle must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian; moved directly to the approved feedyard/pen only in sealed trucks; accompanied with a VS 1-27 permit issued by TAHC or USDA personnel; and "S" branded prior to or upon arrival at the feedyard ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(B\)](#)).

5.3 Cattle originating from Mexico:

5.3.1 All sexually intact cattle shall meet the requirements provided for in paragraph (51.8(b)(6) of this subsection ([§51.8\(b\)\(7\)\(A\)](#)).

5.3.2 Steers and spayed heifers from Mexico shall meet the federal importation requirements as provided in Title 9 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 93, Section 93.427, regarding importation of cattle from Mexico. In addition to the federal requirements, steers and spayed heifers must be moved under permit to an approved pasture, approved feedlot, or approved pens ([§51.8\(b\)\(7\)\(B\)](#)).

5.3.3 Cattle utilized as rodeo and/or roping stock:

5.3.3.1 To be held for purposes other than for immediate slaughter or feeding for slaughter in an approved feedyard/pen, must be tested at the port of entry into Texas under the supervision of the port veterinarian, and shall be under quarantine on the first premise of destination in Texas pending a negative tuberculosis test no earlier than 120 days and no later than 180 days after arrival. The test will be performed by a veterinarian employed by the TAHC or APHIS/VS ([§51.8\(b\)\(7\)\(A\)](#) & [§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(A\)](#)).

5.3.3.2 All sexually intact cattle shall be retested annually for tuberculosis at the owner's expense and the test records shall be maintained with the animal and available for review ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(C\)\(i\)](#)).

5.3.3.3 All sexually neutered horned cattle imported from Mexico are recognized as potential rodeo and/or roping stock and must ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(C\)\(ii\)](#)):

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- (a) be tested for tuberculosis at the port of entry under the supervision of the USDA port veterinarian ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(C\)\(ii\)\(I\)](#));
- (b) be moved by permit to a premise of destination and remain under Hold Order, which restricts movement, until permanently identified by methods approved by the TAHC, and retested for tuberculosis between 60 and 120 days after entry at the owner's expense. The cattle may be allowed movement to and from events/activities in which commingling with other cattle will not occur and with specific permission by the TAHC until confirmation of the negative post entry retest for tuberculosis can be conducted ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(C\)\(ii\)\(II\)](#)); and
- (c) be retested for tuberculosis annually at the owner's expense and the test records shall be maintained with the animal and available for review ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(C\)\(ii\)\(III\)](#)).

5.3.4 Regardless of reproductive status, test history, or Mexican State of origin, Holstein and Holstein cross cattle are prohibited from entering Texas ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(D\)](#)).

5.3.5 All cattle moved into Texas from Mexico shall be identified with an "M" brand prior to moving to a destination in Texas ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(E\)](#)).

5.3.6 A copy of the certificate issued by an authorized inspector of the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, for the movement of Mexico cattle into Texas must accompany such animals to their final destination in Texas, or so long as they are moving through Texas ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(F\)](#)).

5.3.7 Any certificate, form, record, report, or chart issued by an accredited veterinarian for cattle that originate from Mexico, have resided in Mexico or are "M" branded shall include the statement, "the cattle represented on this document are of Mexican origin" ([§51.8\(b\)\(6\)\(G\)](#)).

### 6. Trichomoniasis Requirements:

6.1 All breeding bulls entering from a foreign country, shall enter on and be moved by an entry permit, issued prior to entry from the TAHC, in accordance with §51.2(a), to a premises of destination in Texas and shall be placed under Hold Order and officially tested for trichomoniasis with not less than three official culture tests conducted not less than seven days apart, or an official RT-PCR test, within 30 days after entry into the state. All bulls shall be isolated from female cattle at all times until tested negative for Trichomoniasis. The Hold Order shall not be released until all other post entry disease testing requirements have been completed ([§51.8\(c\)\(4\)](#)).

6.2 All bulls tested for Trichomoniasis shall be officially identified at the time the initial test sample is collected. The identification shall be recorded on the test documents ([§51.8\(c\)\(4\)](#)).

### 7. USDA International Movement Requirements: Contact USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) for additional international animal requirements.

- For Export call 512-383-2411
- For Import call 301-851-3300