



Importation of CATTLE & OTHER BOVIDAE into New York State

The importation into New York of animals in **the family Bovidae (CATTLE, BISON, ANTELOPE, BUFFALO, DUIKERS, GAZELLE, AND OTHER EXOTIC BOVIDAE)**, requires an approved Interstate Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (ICVI) completed by a USDA Category 2 accredited veterinarian. An ICVI must include:

- The address of both consignors, destination of each animal, date of issue/inspection, and dates and results of any qualifying tests
- A statement that the animals have been inspected by a USDA Category 2 accredited veterinarian within 30 days prior to shipment and that the animals show no signs of disease (except where noted)

Each animal must be identified by a [USDA approved ear tag](#) in addition; all man-made identification must be recorded. Brands - Although it is NOT official Identification, freeze branding is allowed in NY for cattle. The NYS Dept of Ag & Markets maintains a brand registry. If you wish to register a brand you can send your design to our office at the following address: NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets Division of Animal Industry 10B Airline Drive Albany, NY 12235. We will compare to our registry and will register it if it is unique. Since it is not the diagnosis and treatment of disease, branding is not considered veterinary practice. You may need a veterinarian if tranquilization is necessary. Please note that although freeze brands are not considered official identification in cattle, they are permanent identification and as such should be recorded on test charts and Certificates of Veterinary Inspection.

TESTING REQUIREMENTS- For most states, no testing is required

1. **Brucellosis-** No test required for bovids originating in the United States.
2. **Tuberculosis-**
 - No testing required on bovids unless they have been in the following states in the past 60 months (5 years): **California & Michigan.**
 - Any bovid being imported from **Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, or Oscoda Counties in Michigan** must originate in a herd which has undergone a negative whole herd test for tuberculosis within one year prior to movement **and** the animals to be imported must have a negative individual tuberculosis test within 60 days of movement.
 - Bovids from the accredited free zone in **Michigan** which are over six months of age must be negative to a tuberculosis test conducted within 60 days of entry.
 - Any bovid being imported from the state of **California** must be negative to a tuberculosis test conducted within 60 days of entry.



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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS—

- Animals going to NYC for any reason need to contact the NYC Dept of Health, Office of Veterinary Public Health Services @ 646-632-6604.
- Animals coming to any county fair or the New York State Fair need to review the Fair Requirements. Please see section on “Fairs” for additional import requirements.
- Animals coming into New York State and going directly into slaughter channels need to review the section on “Animal Going to Slaughter Channels” for additional import requirements.
- In general, NY is not a permit based state, except for cervids and poultry (from areas where HPAI exists). New York prohibits the importation of any CWD susceptible cervids from outside the state with the limited exception of exotic cervids going from one AZA (Association of Zoos and Aquariums) accredited zoo to another AZA accredited zoo.
- Animals moving between Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) accredited zoos may enter under Zoological Association CVI (Certificate of Veterinary Inspection) valid for 30 days from the date of issue.