



## Bovine TB testing requirements for cattle entering Canada from the United States

This is a summary document. For complete import requirements please refer to:

- Automated Import Reference System  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/eng/1300127512994/1326599273148>
- Live animal import policies  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/eng/1320833881215/1320833972327>

### Unrestricted imports

This category is for temporary and permanent imports that enter Canada for:

- Breeding
- Exhibits and shows
- Other uses (e.g. roping cattle for competitions)

Animal imports are evaluated on the basis of state status, herd status and individual test results.

Cattle may only be imported into Canada from the United States if the certificate presented at the time of import identifies one of the following conditions has been met for bovine TB:

1. The animal for import originates from a herd of negative status in a state that is an USDA accredited free area for tuberculosis or a modified accredited advanced area for tuberculosis in the United States.
- or
2. The animal for import originates from a herd of negative status in a state that is an USDA modified accredited area for tuberculosis in the United States and the herd has been tested with negative results within 12 months preceding the date of importation

The required testing is the standard caudal fold tuberculin test and it must be completed within 60 days of import. The results of the tuberculin test must be shown on the required health certificate for the animal to be imported.

- USDA Status of Current Eradication Programs - <http://bit.ly/2gASQlg>

### Restricted feeder cattle

This category is for animals that enter Canada into restricted feeder feedlots approved by the CFIA and then proceed to slaughter.

Imported restricted feeders must be certified as coming from an state that is accredited by the USDA as tuberculosis accredited-free state and a cattle brucellosis free state.

Other than for movement to another designated feedlot or to slaughter, no animal that comes from the feedlot may be moved to any other premises or through a sales facility in Canada, and is not eligible to enter (or re-enter) the Canadian national herd.

When restricted feeder cattle go to slaughter the animals will go through the same post-mortem exam as domestic animals.

### **Immediate slaughter cattle**

This category is for animals that are imported for immediate slaughter. Cattle imported for immediate slaughter may only move from the place of entry into Canada if a licence for its removal to an establishment registered under the *Meat Inspection Act* has been issued by an inspector

No TB testing is required before entry into Canada but the animals will go through the same post-mortem exam as domestic animals.

### **Canadian cattle returning within 60 days of leaving Canada**

There is no TB test required for this category.