

New Identification Requirements for Breeding Cattle to Canada

Effective for breeding cattle shipments arriving at the Canadian border on or after **February 1, 2018**, cattle must be identified with a NAIS-compliant “840” Radio Frequency tag, and a tattoo. A tattoo must be in the right ear and show the letters “USA” at a minimum of 1 cm in height, or in the case of a female animal, it may be the official United States calfhood vaccination tattoo that includes the US registered shield and “V”. The option of the official USDA metal tag or “silver brite” tag will no longer be accepted for exports of breeding cattle to Canada. Certificates for breeding cattle to Canada will be updated accordingly on the APHIS website as well as within VEHCS. *Please ensure that the most current version of the export health certificate is being utilized for cattle exports to Canada.* CFIA will put notification of identification requirements on all import permits. Please note that “breeding cattle” includes animals imported for breeding purposes as well as for show or exhibition.

Reminder of recent changes to brucellosis export testing for breeding cattle to Canada

Testing options for brucellosis recently changed for the export of breeding cattle to Canada. As of September 1, 2017, exported cattle must be tested with the FPA test, the Buffered Acidified Plate Antigen (BAPA) test, or the Competitive Elisa (cElisa) test. The Standard Tube Test (STT) and Standard Plate Test (SPT) are **no longer** accepted by CFIA at the border. Certificates for breeding cattle to Canada (IREGS and VEHCS) have been updated accordingly.

SUMMARY OF BRUCELLOSIS EXPORT TESTING ACCEPTED BY CFIA AT THE BORDER FOR BREEDING CATTLE	
September 1st, 2017 and after	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fluorescence Polarization Assay (FPA)• Buffered Acidified Plate Antigen (BAPA)• Competitive ELISA (cELISA)

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National Import Export Services

Service Center 5 Locations:

Contact us with your export needs!

Kansas (primary service provider for live animal export for Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota; semen/embryo export for Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming)

1131 SW Winding Road, Suite A, Topeka, Kansas 66615

Phone: (785) 228-6565 servicecenter5@aphis.usda.gov

Hours of Operation: M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CST

Nebraska (providing review services only for live animal export for Nebraska, endorsement will occur in the Kansas Office)

5940 South 58th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68516

Phone: (402) 434-2300, Option 1 servicecenter5@aphis.usda.gov

Alternate Phone: (785) 228-6565

Hours of Operation: M-F 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM CST

Idaho (primary service provider for live animal export for North Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho)

9134 W. Blackeagle Drive, Boise, ID 83709

Phone: (208) 373-1620 servicecenter5@aphis.usda.gov

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