

WAC 16-54-083 Domestic and foreign bovine brucellosis requirements. (1) Female cattle, domestic and foreign, must have an official calfhood brucellosis vaccination and legible vaccination tattoo before entry into Washington state.

(a) Cattle vaccinated with RB-51 strain of vaccine must be permanently identified with a tattoo in the right ear that must bear the USDA registered V shield preceded by the letter R followed by the last digit of the year of vaccination.

(b) Brucellosis vaccinated cattle from foreign countries must present original vaccination certificates. On arrival, the cattle must be tattooed with the USDA V shield and the year indicated on the vaccination certificate.

(2) Adult vaccinated domestic cattle that are identified by a legible vaccination tattoo and official individual identification will be allowed entry into Washington state if the state of origin allows adult vaccination and is of the same brucellosis class or higher.

(3) Test eligible dairy cattle from all states and all beef cattle and bison from USDA-designated zones described in 9 C.F.R. Part 78, Subpart E (January 1, 2014) must be tested negative for bovine brucellosis within thirty days before entry. Test eligible cattle are:

(a) Dairy bulls over six months of age;

(b) Brucellosis vaccinated dairy females over twenty months of age;

(c) Brucellosis vaccinated beef breed females over twenty-four months of age, when required; and

(d) Beef bulls over six months of age, when required.

(4) Test eligible bison, when required, are:

(a) Bulls over six months of age; and

(b) Nonvaccinated heifers over six months of age.

(5) All animals must be identified with official individual identification.

Exemptions to domestic bovine brucellosis test and vaccination requirements.

(6) Domestic bovine that are exempt from brucellosis testing and vaccination requirements are:

(a) Those cattle from a class free state consigned to a category 2 restricted holding facility;

(b) Those consigned to federally inspected slaughter facilities for immediate slaughter;

(c) Heifer calves less than four months of age;

(d) Designated slaughter cattle that have been consigned to no more than one state-federal approved livestock market;

(e) Bull calves less than six months of age;

(f) Steers and spayed heifers;

(g) Official brucellosis vaccinated dairy cattle less than twenty months of age;

(h) Official brucellosis vaccinated beef cattle less than twenty-four months of age;

(i) Cattle from a certified brucellosis free herd, as defined by Title 9 C.F.R. Part 78.1 (January 1, 2014); and

(j) Test eligible beef breed cattle and dairy cattle that are consigned to a state or federally approved livestock market to meet entry testing requirements. Heifer calves between four and twelve months of age may be consigned to a state-federal approved sale yard where they will remain until meeting vaccination requirements.

(7) Cattle that have not met the department's brucellosis requirements may enter a category 1 restricted holding facility in Wash-

ington state with an entry permit, a certificate of veterinary inspection, and official individual identification when required, until testing and vaccination requirements have been met. The category 1 restricted holding facility must be approved by the director and operated in accordance with chapter 16-30 WAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 16.36.040 and chapter 34.05 RCW. WSR 15-02-025, § 16-54-083, filed 12/30/14, effective 1/30/15; WSR 08-14-057, § 16-54-083, filed 6/25/08, effective 7/26/08. Statutory Authority: Chapters 16.36 and 34.05 RCW. WSR 07-14-056, § 16-54-083, filed 6/28/07, effective 7/29/07.]