

345 IAC 1-3-8.5 Mexican cattle

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Sec. 8.5. (a) A person may import into Indiana cattle that originate from Mexico only under the following conditions:

(1) The cattle originate from a Mexican state that has fully implemented the eradication phase of the Mexican Tuberculosis Eradication Program (Stage 2) and meet either of the following requirements:

(A) Steers and spayed heifers must have tested negative for tuberculosis in accord with the Norma Oficial Mexicana (NOM) within 60 days prior to entry into the United States. Sexually intact animals must meet current board requirements for importing sexually intact animals into Indiana, however, the animals must be quarantined at the point of destination in Indiana and tested for Tuberculosis within 90 days of importation into Indiana and re-tested between 300 and 420 days of importation into Indiana;

(B) The cattle originate from a Mexican herd that has passed standards equal to the United States' accredited tuberculosis-free herd standards and the cattle are moved as a single group directly from the herd of origin across the border without being commingled with other cattle prior to arriving in the United States. Sexually intact cattle from tuberculosis-free herds must be quarantined at the point of destination in Indiana and tested for Tuberculosis between 90 and 120 days of importation into Indiana.

(2) The cattle originate from a Mexican state that has achieved accredited-free status under the Mexican Tuberculosis Eradication Program (Stage 3), and the cattle are moved as a single group directly from the herd of origin across the border without being commingled with other cattle prior to arriving in the United States.

(b) Holstein and Holstein-cross steers, and Holstein and Holstein-cross spayed heifers that originate from Mexico are prohibited from entering Indiana regardless of test history.

(c) An animal is considered to have originated from Mexico if it is imported into the United States from Mexico and has been in the United States 120 days or less.

(d) The state veterinarian shall determine if a state in Mexico has achieved a status within a tuberculosis eradication program. The state veterinarian shall consider recommendations from the United States Department of Agriculture - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and determinations of the Tuberculosis binational committee formed by Mexico and United states bordering Mexico.

Notwithstanding the other requirements of this section, the state veterinarian may quarantine and order Tuberculosis testing of any cattle originating from Mexico that pose a disease threat to the domestic animal population in Indiana. (*Indiana State Board of Animal Health; 345 IAC 1-3-8.5*)