

**Section 19. Requirements for the importation of Bison.**

(a) An Import Permit is required on all Bison entering Wyoming.

(i) The following exceptions to this requirement exist:

(A) Bison consigned for Direct Movement from a Premise of origin within the United States to an Approved Livestock Market.

(B) Bison consigned for Direct Movement from a Premise of origin within the United States for Immediate Slaughter at a Recognized Slaughter Establishment.

(b) A Certificate of Veterinary Health Inspection is required on all Bison entering Wyoming.

(i) The following exceptions to this requirement exist:

(A) Bison consigned for Direct Movement from a Premise of origin within the United States to an Approved Livestock Market, or

(B) Bison consigned for Direct Movement from a Premise of origin for Immediate Slaughter at a Recognized Slaughter Establishment.

(c) Any female Bison that has been spayed prior to entry shall be identified with an Official Spay Tag in the right ear prior to import. Spayed Bison shall be spayed by a Licensed Veterinarian or a Certified Spay Technician.

(d) Brucellosis requirements for the importation of Bison:

(i) All Brucellosis Test Eligible Bison imported shall be identified with Official Individual Identification prior to import.

(A) The following exception to this requirement exists:

(I) Bison consigned for Direct Movement from a Premise of origin within the United States to an Approved Livestock Market to be vaccinated prior to movement from the Livestock Market if sold to remain in Wyoming. These Bison shall be vaccinated to become Official Adult Vaccinates for Brucellosis or Official Calfhood Vaccinates for Brucellosis.

(ii) The importation of sexually intact female Bison that are not Official Calfhood Vaccinates for Brucellosis or Official Adult Vaccinates for Brucellosis is prohibited.

(A) The following exceptions to this prohibition exist:

(I) Wyoming origin heifers of Brucellosis Vaccination Eligible age may return to Wyoming if they are being imported pursuant to an Interstate Livestock Health Movement Agreement. Following their return these Bison are subject to the mandatory Brucellosis vaccination requirements as described in Chapter 2 Rules entitled Vaccination Against and Surveillance for Brucellosis;

(II) Female Bison that are moving under Direct Movement to an approved K Lot;

(III) Female Bison that are imported with certification and identification that they have been spayed prior to import;

(IV) Female Bison imported with prior approval by the Wyoming State Veterinarian to be spayed by a Wyoming Licensed Veterinarian within

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two (2) weeks of arrival. The Bison shall be placed under Quarantine until spayed and held separate and apart from all other Animals;

(V) Brucellosis Vaccination Eligible Bison imported with prior approval by the Wyoming State Veterinarian to be vaccinated by an Accredited Veterinarian within two (2) weeks of arrival. The Bison shall be placed under Quarantine until vaccinated and held separate and apart from all other Animals;

(VI) Female Bison younger than six (6) months of age, not yet weaned from their import eligible mothers and imported with prior approval by the Wyoming State Veterinarian shall be subject to the Brucellosis vaccination requirements in Chapter 2 Rules entitled Vaccination Against and Surveillance for Brucellosis;

(VII) Brucellosis Vaccination Eligible Bison imported under Direct Movement from a Premise of origin to an Approved Livestock Market where they shall be spayed or vaccinated;

(VIII) Female Bison not yet Vaccination Eligible age, not accompanying their mothers may be imported but shall be subject to the Brucellosis vaccination requirements of Chapter 2 Rules entitled Vaccination Against and Surveillance for Brucellosis, and

(IX) Female Bison authorized in writing by the Wyoming State Veterinarian and USDA/APHIS/AVIC to be imported into Wyoming under Quarantine to become an Official Adult Vaccinate for Brucellosis

(iii) Brucellosis Test Eligible Bison from a state with less than a class free Brucellosis status shall test negative to a Brucellosis test within thirty (30) days prior to entry into Wyoming and may be held under Quarantine and subject to a negative Brucellosis retest within forty-five (45) to one hundred twenty (120) days after the pre entry test.

(A) The following exception to this requirement exists:

(I) Female Bison originating from a Certified Brucellosis-Free Herd that have not Commingled with any other producer's Bison or Bovine.

(d) No Bison that is known to be seropositive for Johnes Disease may be imported into Wyoming.

(e) Tuberculosis requirements for the importation of Bison:

(i) Bison originating from a state or zone that is not accredited Tuberculosis free shall test negative for Tuberculosis within sixty (60) days if the Bison:

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(A) Originate from a modified accredited advanced state or zone as defined in the Tuberculosis UMR and are eighteen (18) months of age or older (as evidenced by the loss of the central deciduous incisors).

(I) The following exceptions to this requirement exist:

(1.) Bison originating from an accredited free herd as defined in the Tuberculosis UMR may have this testing requirement waived at the discretion of the Wyoming State Veterinarian.

(2.) Bison imported for feeding may have this testing requirement waived at the discretion of the Wyoming State Veterinarian.

(B) Originate from a modified accredited state or zone as defined in the Tuberculosis UMR and are twelve (12) months of age or older.

(I) The following exception to this requirement exists:

(1.) Bison originating from an accredited free herd as defined in the Tuberculosis UMR may have this testing requirement waived at the discretion of the Wyoming State Veterinarian.

(C) Originate from an accredited preparatory state or zone as defined in the Tuberculosis UMR.

(ii) Bison originating from a foreign nation shall be tested negative for Tuberculosis prior to entry and shall be held under Quarantine pending the results of a post entry Tuberculosis test sixty (60) to ninety (90) days following the negative pre entry Tuberculosis test.