Bison, Water Buffalo, & Yak (or Crossbreeds) Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation
California requires an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit for all bison, water buffalo, and/or yaks. To obtain an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit, please call the CDFA Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at (916) 900-5052. Permits are valid for 15 days after being issued.

California requires a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) for bison, water buffalo, and/or yaks within 30 days before movement into the state.

Official Identification (ID)
Bison, water buffalo, and/or yaks of any age and sex require official identification.

Brucellosis
Brucellosis vaccination is not required for bison, water buffalo, and/or yaks to enter California.

A negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry is required for all bison, water buffalo, and/or yaks 6 months of age and over with the following exceptions:

- Steers or identified spayed heifers, and
- Any Bovidae from a Certified Free Herd with the herd number and date of current test recorded on the CVI.

Tuberculosis (TB)
A negative TB test is required for all bison, water buffalo, and/or yaks 6 months of age and over within 60 days prior to movement.

Trichomonosis
Trichomonosis testing is not required for bison, water buffalo, and/or yaks to enter California.