



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

California Entry Permit

A California entry permit is required for each shipment containing any bison, water buffalo, and/or yak (Bovidae) of any age and sex. Permits are only issued to the accredited veterinarian from the state of origin and are valid for 15 days. To obtain an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit, please call the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) **Animal Health Branch (AHB) permit line at (916) 900-5052.**

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection

A valid **Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI)** signed by an accredited veterinarian, also known as a health certificate, must accompany each shipment containing any bison, water buffalo, and/or yak entering California. It must contain the complete physical origin and destination address, phone number, California entry permit number, individual identification, and test results.

Official Identification

Bison, water buffalo, and/or yak of any age and sex require official identification.

Brucellosis

A negative brucellosis test within 30 days prior to entry is required for all bison, water buffalo, and/or yak 6 months of age and older 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 yak 6 months of age and older within 60 days prior to movement.



If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please print and present a hard copy to the Inspector at the Border Protection Station. This will prevent future follow up by CDFA personnel to verify the authenticity and accuracy of the document.

**Animal Health Branch Permit Line:
(916) 900-5052**

Animal Health and Food Safety Services Animal Health Branch

Headquarters - (916) 900-5002
Redding District - (530) 225-2140
Modesto District - (209) 491-9350
Tulare District - (559) 685-3500
Ontario District - (909) 947-4462

For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit:
www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/animal_health

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:
[Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#) or
[Animal Health Entry Requirement Interactive Website](#)