

Entry Permits

A separate entry permit from the Animal Health Branch, valid for 15 days * and approved prior to entry into California, is required for each shipment **containing sexually intact cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and waterfowl**. If the Department suspects that a proposed movement may threaten the health of California's livestock, an entry permit may be refused. Additional pre-entry tests may be required before issuing an entry permit. Animals may be held at their destination pending inspection by department personnel. If cattle are found that have not met California's requirements, they will be required to meet the requirements, leave the state, or go to slaughter.

The entry permit number shall be recorded on all documents accompanying the shipment. A copy of the permit and all other entry documents shall be presented to government officials upon request. All entry documents must be kept available for examination and copying for at least two (2) years after entry. The department may levy a penalty or refuse future entry to any person who violates any entry requirements.

*A Special Entry Permit may be valid for a different time period.