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

Interstate Livestock Entry Permit
California requires an Interstate Livestock Entry Permit for all bison, water buffalo, and/or yak. 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.

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection
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.

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

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.

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 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

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