



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 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.

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

