

## **IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF CANADA FOR BISON EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER**

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by an USDA accredited veterinarian and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate must include the following: a) the name and address of the importer, b) the location of the importing feedlot if other than that of the importer, c) the name and address of the exporter, d) the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) import permit number, e) individual animal identification which must include the USDA eartag number, age in months, breed, color and markings if any, and sex, and f) any other identification present on the animal including brands and registration number (if any). The model health certificate provided must be used.

### **CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The animal(s) being presented for importation must have been either resident in the U.S.A or Canada for at least sixty (60) days immediately prior to the date of exportation, or have been resident since birth.
2. The animals were born after January 01, 1999 in the United States or Canada.
3. The animals are identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA and are not under restriction for movement, slaughter or destruction control.
4. The health certificate must state that animals were inspected by a veterinarian within thirty (30) days preceding the date of importation and it was determined that:
  - a. The animals are free from any communicable disease.
  - b. The animals are, to the best of the knowledge and belief of a veterinarian, not exposed to any communicable disease within sixty (60) days preceding the date of the inspection.
  - c. The animals are fit to travel\* and can be transported to Canada without undue suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue, or any other cause.
  - d. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the certifying veterinarian, the heifers/cows in the shipment are not in the second half of pregnancy and young stock included in the shipment have been weaned and are not on milk replacer.
5. The animals being imported into Canada are not under quarantine or restriction for movement, slaughter or destruction control, and have not been for at least the last sixty (60) days prior to importation into Canada.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. Individual animal identification which must include the number of the USDA eartag or National Animal Identification System (NAIS) compliant "840" radio frequency (RF) eartag inserted in the animal's ear, or Canadian Cattle Identification Agency / Agri-Traçabilité Québec (CCIA/ATQ) tag if used in place of a US recognized tag, age in months, sex, breed, colour and markings if any, and any other identification present on the animal including brands.
2. \*Fit to be transported means that, on the day of inspection, no animal has an infirmity, illness, injury or any other condition that could be aggravated when the animal is being transported, causing the animal to suffer. The exporter has been advised that any deterioration in condition before departure may render the animal ineligible for transport. The shipment may be ordered removed from Canada if the animal or manner of shipping is found to be in contravention of transport regulations under the Health of Animals Regulations at the time of presentation for import to Canada.
3. Official USDA or State seals shall be applied to all animal exits of the truck(s) or trailer(s) containing the shipment by the accredited veterinarian following loading. The seal numbers and the number of animals in the shipment must be recorded on the certificate, and the certificate signed by the individual who applied the seals to verify their application.
3. All bison exported to Canada for immediate slaughter must be accompanied by an original certificate and one copy of that certificate. If the shipment is contained in several vehicles, the original plus one copy of the certificate shall accompany the initial vehicle of the shipment to the Canadian port of entry. Subsequent vehicles shall be accompanied by two copies of the export certificate, upon one of which are recorded the numbers of the seals applied to the vehicle and the number of animals being exported in the vehicle.
4. A copy of the import permit must accompany every shipment.
5. The shipment (animals and documentation) must be presented at the first point of entry into Canada for inspection by a federal veterinary inspector. Prior arrangements must be made to ensure that inspection will be provided at the appropriate time.
6. The animals must be sent directly from the place of entry into Canada under seal and license to a slaughter plant capable of handling and slaughtering bison and registered under the Meat Inspection Act, immediately after crossing the border.
7. The animals must be slaughtered within four (4) days of arrival at the slaughter establishment.

**INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CERTIFICATE FOR THE EXPORT OF BISON TO  
CANADA FOR IMMEDIATE SLAUGHTER**

Exporter name/address:

Importer name/address:

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Address of the importing slaughter plant if other than that of the importer:

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The bison on this certificate are being exported to Canada for immediate slaughter under CFIA import permit number: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. The animals were born after January 01, 1999 in the United States or Canada.
3. The animals are identified by a permanent identification system recognized by the USDA and are not under restriction for movement, slaughter or destruction control.
4. The animals were inspected by the certifying veterinarian within thirty (30) days preceding the date of importation and it was determined that:
  - a. The animals are free from any communicable disease.
  - b. The animals are, to the best of the knowledge and belief of a veterinarian, not exposed to any communicable disease within sixty (60) days preceding the date of the inspection.
  - c. The animals are fit to travel and can be transported to Canada without undue suffering by reason of infirmity, illness, injury, fatigue, or any other cause.
  - d. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the certifying veterinarian, the heifers/cows in the shipment are not in the second half of pregnancy and young stock included in the shipment have been weaned and are not on milk replacer.
5. The animals being imported into Canada are not under quarantine or restriction for movement, slaughter or destruction control, and have not been for at least the last sixty (60) days prior to importation into Canada.

Number of animals in shipment: \_\_\_\_\_

The animals in this shipment are identified in the attached table at the end of this certificate.

Date of examination (must be within 30 days prior to the date of exportation)\_\_\_\_\_.

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