

Bison, Water Buffalo, and Yaks (or Crossbreeds) Entry Requirements

Entry Documentation

(3 CCR §831.4; FAC 10610)

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI): Required. Animal must be inspected within 30 days of movement into the state.

CVI Exemptions:

- Animals moving directly to slaughter with a brand inspection certificate or owner-shipper statement
- Animals moving directly to an approved livestock market from farm of origin with an owner-shipper statement

Interstate Livestock Entry Permit: Required for **ALL** bison, water buffalo, and yaks. Entry Permits are valid for 15 days, including the day of issuance and can be obtained by calling the **Animal Health Branch permit line**.

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

Brucellosis

(3 CCR § 753.1, § 752.6; FAC 10326, 10327)

Brucellosis vaccination is not required.

A negative brucellosis test is required for all bison, water buffalo, and yaks six (6) months of age and older within 30 days prior to movement into the state.

Exemptions:

- Steers or identified spayed heifers.
- Animals moving directly to a recognized slaughtering facility
- Animals from a Certified Free Herd with the herd number and date of current test recorded on the CVI.



Tuberculosis (TB)

(3 CCR §758; FAC 9932)

A negative TB test is required for all bison, water buffalo, and yaks six (6) months of age and over within 60 days prior to movement unless they are moving directly to a recognized slaughtering facility.

Trichomonosis

(3 CCR §820.3; FAC 10610)

Trichomonosis testing is not required.



Official Identification (ID)

(3 CCR §831.3, FAC 10610)

The following bison, water buffalo, and yaks require official ID and must have it included on the CVI:

- All animals six (6) months of age and over
- All animals used for show, exhibition, rodeo, or recreation

Exception:

- Animals moving directly to a recognized slaughtering facility

See CDFA's factsheet "[Cattle & Bison Official Identification](#)" for detailed information on approved types of official ID for bison, water buffalo, yaks, and their crossbreeds.

If you are transporting livestock into California with an electronic CVI, please have the information readily available on your device or 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) 947-5932

For California entry requirements of other livestock and animals, please visit the following:

- [Information About Livestock and Pet Movement](#)
- [CDFA AHB Entry Requirements Interactive Website](#)
- [InterstateLivestock.com](#)

In the event of a disease outbreak, there may be additional entry requirements. For more information on the Animal Health Branch, please visit www.cdfa.ca.gov/ah

