

All breeding cattle eighteen (18) months of age and over will be required to be brucellosis tested within thirty (30) days prior to entry into the State of Texas except:

1. Calves under six (6) months of age;
2. Steers and spayed heifers;
3. Official vaccinates under twenty (20) months of age for beef breeds or twenty (20) months of age for dairy breeds;
4. Cattle originating from a Certified Brucellosis Free Herd or Area;
5. Cattle consigned from a private premise to an approved slaughter establishment for immediate slaughter provided accompanied by an official health certificate or a waybill;
6. Cattle from a livestock market consigned to an approved slaughter establishment for immediate slaughter must be accompanied by and individually identified on an ADE 1-27.

Other exceptions are as follows:

1. Breeding cattle eighteen months of age and over consigned to an approved livestock market in the State of Texas may enter without test if accompanied by a waybill or Official Health Certificate. Cattle will be quarantined upon arrival and tested prior to sale.
2. Breeding cattle eighteen months of age and over consigned to a private premise in the State of Texas <sup>in Texas</sup> without test provided accompanied by an Official Health Certificate and a written permit issued from the office of the Texas Animal Health Commission. All such cattle will be quarantined upon arrival and brucellosis tested within thirty (30) days.

If brucellosis reactors are disclosed after arrival at a livestock auction in the State of Texas, reactors will be identified and consigned for immediate slaughter. The exposed animals in the shipment will be consigned either to slaughter, to an approved quarantined feedlot or allowed to return to the state of origin if approval is granted by such state.

All cattle entering the State of Texas must be accompanied by an Official Health Certificate and individually identified. A waybill is acceptable only under circumstances enumerated above and must provide the following information:

- a. name and address of owner or shipper;
- b. point of origin;
- c. number and type animals covered by waybill, memorandum, or certificate;
- d. purpose for which they are being moved;
- e. destination of animals.

Cattle originating in herds known to be affected with brucellosis in any area and cattle originating in herds of unknown status in any non-certified area, when accompanied by a shipping permit as defined in Sub-section 78.1 (r), Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations, may enter directly to a Federally inspected or specifically approved slaughtering establishment as defined above or to an approved quarantined feedlot. Cattle from an approved quarantined feedlot may be consigned on a shipping permit giving individual identification to an approved market for sale to immediate slaughter.