

United States Department of Agriculture EXCEPT that scabies inspection and dipping certificates covering sheep and cattle must be issued by regularly employed scabies inspector of the state of origin, or of the United States Veterinary Services. Cattle, horses, mules, jacks, jennets from fever ticks quarantined areas must be certified to as being free of fever ticks and exposure by regularly employed State or Federal Inspectors.

B. PERMIT

Requests for permits shall be directed to the Texas Animal Health Commission, 1020 Sam Houston State Office Building, Austin, Texas 78701, Telephone No. - (512) 475-6488, and shall contain the following:

1. Number and kind of animals;
2. Origin of shipment;
3. Proposed date of shipment;
4. Destination of shipment;
5. Name and address of consignor and consignee;
6. Method of transportation.

Permits shall be issued upon the condition that the consignee, owner, or purchaser hold the imported livestock upon arrival in this State, pending compliance with the provisions of the permit. Animals are not to be diverted enroute.

All permits shall be void fifteen days after issuance.

No animals, poultry or birds affected with or recently exposed to infectious, contagious, or communicable disease or that originate in quarantined areas shall be moved into Texas without written permission from the Texas Animal Health Commission.

C. OFFICIAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES

All livestock entering Texas from any state, territory, or foreign country must be accompanied by a health certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by or recognized by the Texas Animal Health Commission, except animals or poultry approved for interstate shipment for immediate slaughter by the Veterinary Services, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

Official Health Certificates must be issued within ten (10) days prior to the date the shipment enters the State of Texas.

CATTLE

A. BRUCELLOSIS

All cattle entering Texas must be accompanied by an official health certificate showing individual identification by ear tag, fire brand, tattoo number, or other approved method of identification, and must comply with one of the following provisions: