



Import Requirements for Canadian Feeder Calves ("bob" calves under 21 days)

Destination Facility Approval Requirements

1. The inspection destination facility must be in accordance with all Federal laws and regulations, including 9 CFR 93.401 through 93.418.
2. The facility must be maintained in good repair, provide adequate individuals to maintain the facility, and provide for the proper care of each shipment of calves, including sufficient feed, potable water, housing, bedding, quarantine space, and associated maintenance of any related equipment. Feed and bedding must be vermin-proof, fresh, and unspoiled. Feed and bedding must not originate from a region affected with fever ticks, as identified in 9 CFR 72, or otherwise further amended by APHIS.
3. Shipments must be housed biologically separate from each other. If the facility includes more than one calf holding area, the design must minimize cross-contamination of air between separate lots.
4. The facility must provide and use separate isolation pens available for calves exhibiting signs of illness.
5. The facility must provide APHIS personnel adequate examination space, along with a sufficient quantity of adequately trained individuals, with appropriate equipment or tools, to safely restrain calves.
6. The facility must ensure all floors and walls that have contact with calves and their excrement or discharges are impervious to moisture and able to withstand repeated cleaning and disinfecting without deteriorating. Floor and wall surfaces must be free of sharp edges that could injure calves. Flooring must be skid resistant and provide adequate drainage.
7. The facility is required to clean and disinfect calf holding areas after each load has left the facility and before the next load arrives.
8. The facility must provide stalls of sufficient size to allow each animal to make normal postural adjustments and provide adequate freedom of movement.
9. The facility must provide adequate lighting throughout the facility, facilitating the visual inspection of calves.
10. In the event a calf dies or must be euthanized while in quarantine, the owner/operator of the facility must arrange for the proper disposal of the carcass in concurrence with APHIS and State Animal Health Officials (SAHOs). Imported calf illness or death must be immediately reported to APHIS and include official ID of the animals. Disposal is to be supervised by APHIS or SAHOs.
11. The facility must provide a telephone number that USDA/APHIS/VS can use for contact at any time.



12. The facility must provide APHIS with a written contingency plan for emergencies that includes a designated accredited veterinarian. The written plan will be reviewed and must be approved by APHIS.
13. The facility must have a designated accredited veterinarian available to receive shipments arriving after 3pm and for emergencies to remove or apply seals and provide APHIS with that information for each shipment. Fees associated with the accredited veterinarian will be the responsibility of the destination facility.
14. The facility must maintain all records associated with calf shipments, including seal removal/application, mortalities, refusals, and official identification will be kept and available for APHIS review upon request for 5 years.
15. The facility may be subject to quarterly inspection, including record review, by APHIS for continued approval.
16. The facility must provide equipment and personnel to apply the Canadian mark to any unmarked animals that are found. APHIS must verify the application of the mark and associated fees will be charged to the destination facility.

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