



U.S. Import Protocol: Ruminant Livestock from Mexico

- 1 Preparation Prior to Export** (Farm or Export Gathering Center)
- Whole herd TB test (if required): within 12 months
 - Export TB test (if required): within 60 days
 - Spay certificate (spayed heifers)
 - Export exam by Mexican authorized veterinarian: within 30 days
 - Tick treatment: 7–14 days before APHIS inspection
 - Export health certificate issued by Mexico
 - NWS exam and APHIS-approved treatment by Mexican authorized veterinarian: 3–5 days before APHIS inspection
- Any wounds or non-compliance → animal removed from export**

- 2 Pre-Export Inspection** (Pre-Export Inspection Facility)
- All tests/treatments (step 1) completed prior to arrival
 - Pre-export exam and certification by Mexican official veterinarian: <24 hours before APHIS inspection
- Any wounds or non-compliance → animal removed from export**

- 3 APHIS Inspection** (APHIS Inspection Facility, Mexico side of the border)
- Physical exam by APHIS personnel
 - Tick scratch test by APHIS personnel
 - Detector dog inspection
 - Tick treatment (dip vat)
 - Official ID verification
- Any wounds or non-compliance → animal refused entry**

- 4 Entry into the United States**
- Animals move from Mexico side of port into U.S. holding pens

Animals Removed from Export

If NWS is suspected:

- Samples collected; entire lot held pending results
- If confirmed: all animals removed; facility closed and cleaned/disinfested; 90-day export prohibition



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