

To import cattle (*Bos taurus* or *Bos indicus*) into Hawaii, the following requirements shall be met prior to entry. Cattle not meeting pre-entry requirements may be refused entry into the state and returned to their point of origin at the importer's expense.

UPDATE - April 5, 2024 – *Due to the recent highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) detections in livestock in several states, Hawaii is currently not accepting cattle from premises where HPAI has infected cattle or is currently under investigation with a suspect herd. Eligible cattle from unaffected premises in states where HPAI has been detected in cattle must be inspected within 72 hours of shipment and found to be free of signs of HPAI infection. See 7. for updated required statements.*

State regulations can be found on the internet at: <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/pq/import-program/animal-guidelines/>

Pre-shipment requirements for Cattle Entering the State of Hawaii

1. Animals must originate from a herd that is not under quarantine for any reason.
2. Animals must be free of external parasites and symptoms of transmissible diseases and have not had recent exposure to these diseases.
3. Animals must be tested by a state, federal, or accredited veterinarian and found to be negative for brucellosis (by an official brucellosis test performed in a USDA approved laboratory), anaplasmosis (with c-ELISA test at an approved laboratory) and tuberculosis. These tests must occur within 30 days of shipment.
4. All non-virgin bulls and all bulls 12 months of age and older shall be negative for trichomoniasis by PCR testing done within 30 days of entry. Pooled samples from up to five bulls can be tested at laboratories that approve pooled PCR testing.
 - a) Tested bulls shall not breed cows from 10 days prior to testing nor shall breed cows post-testing until they have arrived in the state.
5. Every animal must be uniquely identified by one of the following:
 - a) National Uniform ear tag (Bangs, Brite/Silver tag)
 - b) Official 840 radio frequency identification tag (RFID)
 - c) Official individual animal breed registration tattoo accompanied by the breed registry document
6. Animals must be completely sprayed or dipped under the supervision of a veterinarian with an approved pesticide at a concentration to kill ticks within 7 days of shipment.
7. Acquire a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) from a licensed, accredited veterinarian
 - a) Required items on the CVI
 - i. The CVI is issued 7 days or less before shipment by a licensed, accredited (category II level) veterinarian, and the issue date is recorded on the CVI.
 - ii. List of all cattle ear tags in the shipment
 1. Animal description (Age, brands [if present], breed, color, sex, and other unique identifying features)
 - iii. The negative test results for all required pre-entry testing.
 - iv. Statement which indicates the veterinarian inspected and found cattle to be free of external parasites, and supervised the prophylactic pesticide application. Statement

required:

“I personally inspected the cattle (or other bovines) on this CVI and found them to be free of ticks. They have, under my supervision, been completely sprayed or dipped with an approved pesticide to kill ticks within 7 days of shipment”

- v. The following statement is to appear on the CVI:
“All animals identified on this Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) have been inspected by me and do not originate from premises with a confirmed detection of HPAI in cattle or premises that is currently under investigation with a suspect herd.”
 - vi. The following statement is to appear on the CVI for cattle originating from states where HPAI has been detected in cattle. *“I have examined the animals identified on this certificate within 72 hours of shipment and found them to be free of signs of HPAI infection.”*
- b) Required items to be attached to the CVI
 - i. Official test charts for all required pre-entry testing should be attached to the CVI.
8. Request a Cattle Import permit from the Animal Industry Division when copies of the CVI and official test charts are available for review. Once pre-shipment requirements are met, a Cattle Import Permit will be issued. The import permit and CVI must accompany the shipment. Documents will be reviewed and permits will be issued daily during business hours. To request an import permit contact the Animal Industry Division:
- a) Email: HDOA.LDC@hawaii.gov
 - b) Fax: 808-483-7110
 - c) Phone: 808-483-7100
 - d) Phone: 808-837-8092 (Saturdays, Sundays and State Holidays)

It is the responsibility of the owner or authorized agent of the owner to present a COMPLETE, LEGIBLE, ORIGINAL hardcopy of the CVI which meets the State of Hawaii’s pre-shipment requirements at entry inspection.

Post-arrival requirements for Cattle arriving in Hawaii

1. At home isolation from other cattle is required until post-arrival testing is complete.
2. Newly imported cattle must be tested 60 – 90 days post-arrival for anaplasmosis, brucellosis, and tuberculosis. An accredited, licensed veterinarian in Hawaii needs to perform the testing and collect samples. Samples should be submitted to the Hawaii State Veterinary Laboratory.