



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

May 5, 2017

To: All Interested Parties

Subject: Certificate of Veterinary Inspection Requirements for Cattle Entering California

Effective March 11, 2013, in accordance with Title 9, Part 86 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and with Title 3, Division 2 of the California Code of Regulations (effective April 1, 2017), a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for all cattle entering California regardless of sex and age.

Exceptions:

- Cattle moving directly to a recognized slaughtering establishment and are accompanied by a brand inspection certificate or owner-shipper statement.
- Cattle moving directly to an Approved Livestock Marketing Facility from farm of origin and are accompanied by a brand inspection certificate or owner-shipper statement, and do not move interstate from the facility unless accompanied by a CVI.
- Cattle moving for veterinary care without change of ownership.
- Cattle moving on a Pasture to Pasture permit.
- Cattle moving directly from one location in California through another state and back to a second location in California, or moving through California with no offloading.
- Cattle moved with other documentation as agreed upon by the shipping state and California.

Certificates of Veterinary Inspection are valid for thirty (30) days from the inspection date, and can be obtained by a state licensed and USDA accredited veterinarian.

Sincerely,

Dr. Annette Jones
California State Veterinarian and Director

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