

**Veterinary Requirements Applicable to Imports to the Russian Federation of Breeder Cattle and Dual-Purpose Cattle**  
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Eligible for import to the Russian Federation is healthy breeder horned cattle born and reared in the exporting country, except over 5 months pregnancies and except cattle vaccinated for brucellosis, foot-and-mouth diseases, leptospiroses, provided that such cattle originates from farms and administrative territories clear for animal diseases, including:

- bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) and sheep scrapie – on the territory of the country in accordance with the requirements of the OIE International Animal Health Code;
- African swine fever – during the last three on the territory of the country;
- cattle plague, contagious pleuropneumonia, foot-and-mouth disease, vesicular stomatitis, ruminant plague – during the last 12 months on the territory of the country;
- brucellosis, tuberculosis, leukosis and paratuberculosis – during the last 3 years on the premises of the farm;
- infectious keratoconjunctivitis (pink-eye), viral diarrhea, besnoitiosis – during the last 12 months on the premises of the farm;
- leptospiroses – during the last 3 months on the premises of the farm;
- anthrax – during the last 20 days on the premises of the farm.

Animals selected for export must not be genetically connected with cattle originating from the Great Britain, France, Ireland, Switzerland or Portugal, or from BSE critical territories of other countries.

Animals have not been fed on feed of animal origin made with internal organs or tissues of ruminant animals or feed containing inputs produced by genetic engineering or otherwise from genetically modified sources.

Breeder animals have not been exposed to any natural or synthesized oestrogens, hormones or thyreostatics.

Animals selected for shipment to the Russian Federation shall be stalled at special quarantine bases of the exporting countries for no less than 21 days under the surveillance of a representative of the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation.

During the quarantine the animals shall be subjected to a clinical examination including daily thermometry. During this period diagnostic tests shall be conducted by the state veterinary laboratory in accordance with the practices of the exporting country for brucellosis, tuberculosis, paratuberculosis, leukosis, trichomonoses, campylobacteriosis, chlamydioses and other transmissible diseases at the importer's request. Tests for infectious rhinotracheitis are done on animals that have not been previously vaccinated.

No later than 20 days in advance of the shipment, the animals shall be vaccinated for infectious bovine rhinotracheitis (IBR), viral diarrhea and respiratory viral syncytial disease (unless inoculated 6 months prior to shipment). 2 to 14 days prior to the shipment the animals shall be treated twice for leptospiroses with a 25 mg per kilo dose of dehydrostreptomycin. Preventive dehelminthization shall be carried out.

If during the quarantine period diagnostic tests (serological, allergic, etc.) show positive results in some of the animals, the Veterinary Department rep is entitled to refuse all or certain of the animals without any material liability accruing. In such event an immediate report shall be made to the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation.

The transportation vehicles shall be treated and conditioned in compliance with the rules maintained by the exporting country.

Compliance with the above conditions shall be fully confirmed by a veterinary certificate signed by the state veterinary physician of the exporting country in the language of the exporting country and Russian, and indicating the date of diagnostic tests and vaccinations.

Shipment of animals to the Russian Federation is only possible after the importer obtains the permission of the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the Russian Federation.

After delivery to the territory of the Russian Federation and clearance of the state border veterinary quarantine, the animals shall be placed under quarantine for 30 days in specially conditioned facilities, during which period the necessary diagnostic tests will be carried out under the surveillance of the territorial state veterinary service. In accordance with the plan of region-specific anti-epizootic measures prophylactic immunization shall be administered.

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