



# APHIS Requirements: Importing Farm Equipment Guidance

## **If the equipment is NEW:**

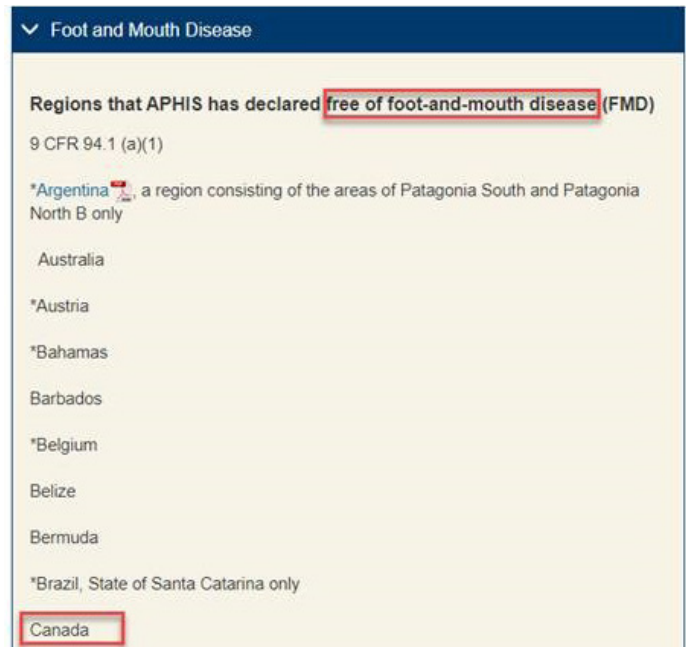
The goods can be disclaimed as not regulated by APHIS.

- “Disclaimer Code A - Not Regulated by APHIS” is used in ACE.

## **If the equipment is USED:**

Determine if the equipment originates from a foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) region by referencing [APHIS’ Animal Health Status of Regions](#).

- Select foot-and-mouth disease from the listed diseases.
- The list of countries under the prompt indicates regions that APHIS has declared FREE of FMD.
- This status may update frequently, so it is important to confirm the disease status of the region prior to importation.



*If the used equipment is from an FMD-free region, and:*

- the equipment is clean, dry, and free of animal material, soil, and contamination, then:
  - No permit or certificate is required, but
  - a statement should be included with the commercial documents declaring that the equipment is “clean, dry, and free of animal material/soil/contamination.”
    - “Disclaimer Code B - Data not required per agency guidance” is used in ACE.
- the equipment is unclean/contaminated, then:
  - the machine **MUST** be cleaned and washed **PRIOR** to entry.

*If the used equipment originates from a known FMD region, then there are restrictions:*

- An import permit is not needed, but
- an ORIGINAL steam cleaning certificate issued by the foreign government’s animal health service or agency is required.
  - The certificate must have an official seal and state that the used farm equipment was steam cleaned and is free of all dirt and particulate matter.
  - It must be signed by an official representative of the national animal health service from the region of export (cleaning certificate details at right).
    - A full message set must be transmitted in ACE.



## Additional Information

- Restrictions for used farm equipment are detailed in [9CFR94.1\(C\)](#):  
91.1(c) The importation of any used farm equipment that originates **in any region where foot-and-mouth disease exists**, as designated in paragraph (a) of this section, **is prohibited, unless** the equipment is accompanied by an original certificate signed by an authorized official of the national animal health service of the exporting region that states that the equipment, after its last use and prior to export, was steam-cleaned free of all exposed dirt and other particulate matter.

Such farm equipment is subject to APHIS inspection at the port of arrival. If it is found during such inspection to contain any exposed dirt or other particulate matter, it will be denied entry into the United States, unless, in the judgment of the APHIS inspector, the amount of exposed soil is minimal enough to allow cleaning at the port of arrival, and there are adequate facilities and personnel at the port to conduct such cleaning without risk of disease contamination.

- Refer to APHIS' ["FAQ"](#) for information on the import of used farm machinery.



## Used Farm Machinery

Used farm machinery includes vehicles, equipment, and other implements used in agricultural and farming operations. See [Table 3-8-4](#) to determine appropriate regulatory action for used (**not new**), imported farm machinery.

Table 3-8-4 Imported, **USED** Farm Machinery

1	If the country or region of export is:	And the importation:	And the visual inspection reveals the machinery is:	Then:
1	Affected with FMD	Is appropriately certified <sup>1</sup>	Clean Dirty <sup>2</sup>	RELEASE 1. COMPLETE PPQ form 523, Emergency Action Notification 2. PROVIDE the importer with the appropriate options A. Reexport B. Clean and wash <sup>3</sup>
		Lacks certification		REFUSE ENTRY
2	Free of FMD		Clean Dirty <sup>2</sup>	RELEASE 1. COMPLETE PPQ Form 523, Emergency Action Notification (because dirty farm machinery is unrestricted from FMD-free countries, this is to take care of plant pests) 2. REQUIRE the machinery to be cleaned and washed <b>prior</b> to entry

<sup>1</sup> A government certificate signed by an official representative of the national animal health service of the region or area of export. The certificate **must** carry an official seal and a statement declaring, "The **used farm equipment** indicated on this certificate has been steam cleaned and is free of all dirt and particulate matter." In addition, the certificate **must** also supply the following information:

- ◆ Bill of lading number
- ◆ Container number or marks
- ◆ Date of issue of the certificate
- ◆ Date the equipment was cleaned
- ◆ Description of the piece of equipment
- ◆ Name and address of the applicant
- ◆ Name and address of the consignee
- ◆ Name and address of the consignor
- ◆ Name of vessel or carrier
- ◆ Serial number of each piece of equipment

Do **NOT** accept a certificate that lists any treatment **other than** the steam cleaning, i.e., methyl bromide. All fumigations conducted outside of the United States, including methyl bromide, **must** be performed under PPQ monitoring per Title 7 CFR § 305.4.

<sup>2</sup>  
<sup>3</sup>

<sup>2</sup> If a coating of road film is the **only** visible dirt found and **no** other organic matter is present, RELEASE the machinery.

<sup>3</sup> Used farm machinery that is dirty may be allowed entry if the machinery is cleaned at a port with a cleaning facility. If the port of entry does **not** have a cleaning facility, the importer or the importer's agent may choose to send the machinery directly to a port with a cleaning facility. However, **never** allow overland transport. If the cleaning option is **not** selected, the importer or the importer's agent **must** reexport the machinery **within 48 hours**. If possible, take digital photographs of the equipment and the certificate and submit to the local PPQ-AQI-VMO for follow-up with the country or region that supplied the certification (for PPQ-AQI-VMO contact information, see [Appendix F](#)).

Animal Product Manual, Table 3-8-4

## Contact Information

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