



**Live Animal Specification  
American Simmental  
Association's  
Specification for Characteristics of Cattle Eligible  
For Approved Programs Claiming Simmental  
Influence**

**1 SCOPE**

This specification sets forth the requirements for live cattle from which carcasses can be derived for certification in approved branded beef programs claiming Simmental influence. Cattle may qualify for the breed influence specification of these branded beef programs by meeting the genotype requirements specified below.

**2 REQUIREMENTS**

Cattle eligible for Simmental influence certified beef programs must meet the following:

- 2.1** Cattle eligible for Simmental Influence (min. 20% Simmental) certified beef programs must have positive identification (e.g., ear tags, tattoos, brands), be registered with the American Simmental Association (ASA) and/or DNA verified through a third-party verification service.

**3 VERIFICATION**

**3.1 Genotype.** Compliance with genotype requirements shall be determined and controlled through a quality management program approved and monitored by the Livestock and Poultry Program.

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