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Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
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Permit to Receive Soil
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HAND CARRY: No

Under the conditions specified, this permit authorizes the following:
Quantity of Soil per Shipment and Treatment
Over 3 lbs - Your facility **MUST** be inspected and approved to receive this soil

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTORS
See permit conditions below

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INSTRUCTIONS TO DHS CBP INSPECTORS FOR IMPORTED SOIL SHIPMENTS ROUTED TO RECEIVING FACILITY:

For hand carry of soil, an official of CBP Agricultural Programs and Trade Liaison (APTL) would have been notified to document and facilitate the entry of the soil (See hand carry conditions below if stipulated). Otherwise:

1. Validate the permit in ePermits using the CBP search feature by logging on to:
<https://epermits.aphis.usda.gov/epermits>
2. Confirm that the shipment is being routed directly to a USDA APHIS PPQ Inspected Facility authorized to receive soil by logging on to: <https://web01.aphis.usda.gov/PPQ/AuthSoilLabs.nsf/web?openform>
3. Confirm that the imported shipment has a valid USDA PPQ Form 550 Black/White label.
4. Confirm that the carrier of the shipment imported under this USDA PPQ 525 permit is commercially bonded.
5. For questions or concerns, contact the USDA APHIS PPQ Permit Unit in Riverdale, MD, at 866-524-5421 and ask to speak with a compliance officer.

PERMIT GUIDANCE

Receipt or use of foreign isolates or samples from countries under sanctions requires specific permission from the U.S. Department of Treasury (see <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx> for current country/regional listings) for current country listings.

This permit does not authorize importation, interstate movement, possession, and/or use of strains of genetically engineered regulated organisms (created by the use of recombinant DNA technology).

If an animal pathogen is identified in your shipment, to ensure appropriate safeguarding, please refer to http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_anproducts.sh

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If a human pathogen is identified, please see the CDC Etiologic Agent Import Permit Program at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/>

This permit does not fulfill the requirements of other federal or state regulatory authorities. As appropriate, please contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the APHIS Veterinary Services unit, or your State's Department of Agriculture to ensure proper permitting.

If you are considering renewal of this permit, an application should be submitted at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of this permit to ensure continued coverage. Permits requiring containment facilities may take a longer period of time to process.


This permit authorizes the importation of soil from all foreign sources (except countries with sanctions or embargoes by U.S. State Department) only for chemical/ physical analysis in a controlled laboratory environment at the named facility on the permit.

PERMIT CONDITIONS

This permit authorizes the importation of soil from all foreign sources (except countries with sanctions or embargoes by U.S. State Department), and interstate/ domestic movement of soil from Hawaii, the contiguous U.S., the continental U.S., and all U.S. territories for chemical/ physical analysis including the isolation and/or culture of Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) or Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) in a controlled laboratory environment at the named facility on the permit.

1. This permit is issued only for the named permit holder at the address(s) identified on this permit. This permit cannot be transferred or assigned.

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packaging, means of conveyance).

13. All solid wood packing material (SWPM) accompanying the shipment must be in compliance with ISPM 15 treatment regulations and IPPC stamp requirements and enforcement. Noncompliant shipments will be treated, re-exported or destroyed at the consignee's expense.
14. All costs and arrangements for safeguarding and transportation of the cargo are the responsibility of the importer, broker or other parties associated with the shipment.
15. All operations must be consistent with information submitted in association with the above listed APHIS-PPQ inspected facility and subject to the conditions below.
16. Soil must be shipped in a securely closed, watertight container (primary container, test tube, vial, etc.) which must be enclosed in a second, durable watertight container (secondary container).
17. The shipment must be free from foreign matter or debris, plants and plant parts including noxious weeds and infestations by other macroorganisms such as insects, Cyst nematodes, mollusks and acari. Authorized material found to be commingled with unauthorized material will be subject to the same action (i.e. re-export, destruction) as unauthorized material.
18. The imported article can be released without treatment at the port of entry to the permittee's address listed on the permit or label or to an authorized user only if the final destination is an approved facility listed at <https://web01.aphis.usda.gov/PPQ/AuthSoilLabs.nsf/web?openform>.
19. The soil must not be used in field research or release into the environment before sterilization.

The soil must not be used for isolation or culture of organisms, or for extracting and concentrating organisms from the soil.


The soil must not be used as a growing medium.

20. Further distribution of soil is not allowed without prior approval from Federal officials [State Plant Health Director or designee] (or from Federal officials with State concurrence): Access the website at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/sphd/> for a list of State Plant Health Offices. Access the website at <http://nationalplantboard.org/member/index.html> for a list of State Plant Regulatory Officials.
21. While in storage, all soil must be kept locked (e.g. in freezer, cabinet) in the approved lab with access limited to authorized personnel or they will be in a restricted access building that requires a key card entry and access is restricted to authorized personnel only; or it must be in locked room restricted to authorized personnel only.
22. The soil must be handled as quarantined material until sterilized. This will include keeping the soil enclosed in containers when not in use and labeling all containers and/or storage areas: "Quarantine Soil- Sterilize Before Disposal"
23. All packing material, media, substrate, and shipping containers must be sterilized or destroyed as approved and prescribed by the permit conditions after removing the soil.
24. All unconsumed soil, containers and effluent must be autoclaved, incinerated or properly sterilized by the permittee at the conclusion of the project as approved and prescribed by the permit conditions.
25. Any water residues (effluent) from the processing of soil samples must be treated by an approved sterilization procedure such as hydroclave or autoclave.
26. All soil residues must be dry-heated, incinerated or autoclaved.

Dry Heat Treatment: use one of the following schedules:

- 110- 120.5 degrees C (230-249 F) for 16 hours
- 121-154 degrees C (250-309 F) for 2 hours
- 154.4 - 192.5 degrees C (310-379 F) for 30 minutes
- 193-220 degrees C (380-429 F) for 4 minutes
- 221-232 degrees C (430-450) for 2 minutes

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Time starts when the entire sample reaches the required temperature, and a suitable temperature probe must be used for verification.

Autoclave soil and other material using the following conditions:

- a. Soil must be autoclaved at 121 degrees Centigrade (250 degrees Fahrenheit) for a minimum of 30 minutes at 15 psi.
- b. Autoclave tape or other indicators must be placed on each bag or sharps container prior to treatment. The autoclave tape or other indicator on each container must be checked to verify color change before disposal.
- c. The autoclave log must be completed by each user for each autoclave cycle. All parameters must be noted as listed on the log for each autoclave load.
- d. If the autoclave does not attain the minimum time and/or temperature or the autoclave tape does not change color, a notation must be made in the comment section of the autoclave log. The load must then be re-autoclaved after placing new tape on the material. If minimum time and temperature is not attained on the second cycle, users must contact the person responsible for maintaining the unit to initiate repairs. Waste must then be treated at an alternate autoclave facility that is approved by USDA.
- e. Thermometers on the autoclave must be calibrated annually, and a written record must be maintained. This must be done by an authorized autoclave service company during routine servicing.
- f. Every 6 months, you should use a commercially available test indicator kit that uses bacterial spores *Bacillus stearothermophilus* that are rendered unviable at 250 degrees F or 121 degrees C. For the test, ampules of *B. stearothermophilus* are autoclaved along with a load of waste. Upon completion of the cycle, the ampules are incubated for 48 hours and then observed for any sign of growth, which indicates insufficient sterilization. If any growth is observed, you must have the autoclave serviced and retested.

Incineration:

With the exception of metal and glass containers, all regulated and associated material must be reduced completely to ash at the end of the incineration cycle.

27. Equipment and supplies used to conduct operations or that have contacted the soil must be decontaminated using one of the following methods:

- (a) Material can be soaked in a fresh bleach solution of 10 percent (1:10) for at least 30 minutes. (1:10 is a convention that means 1 in 10 or 1 part 9 parts = 10 parts total, which is a 10 percent solution)
- (b) Material can be soaked in 70 percent ethanol
- (c) Flamed with ethanol
- (d) Treated with quaternary ammonium compounds.


Note also that autoclaving, hydroclave, incineration, and dry heat sterilization are also acceptable sterilization/decontamination methods.

28. Upon issuance of this permit (i.e., a signed PPQ 525), you will need to request the PPQ Form 550 Black/White labels at least 5 days in advance. If you applied online using ePermits, you may request the labels using the My Shipments/Labels feature. Otherwise, send your request to BlackWhiteGreenYellowlabelrequest@aphis.usda.gov. All email requests must come from the permit holder or appointee, if requested by the appointee the permit holder must be Ccd on all requests. Specify the approved port as listed on the permit and the total number of labels needed in multiples of four. You may request additional labels the same way. We will send you the labels by email as a pdf.

A label must be attached with clear tape to the exterior of each package being imported under this permit. The labels will include detailed shipping instructions. You are responsible for instructing your shipper to carefully follow these instructions. You are responsible for each import shipping label issued under this permit.

All labels must be printed in color. Failure to do so may result in refused entry or destruction of your package.

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Enclose the following supplemental information in each shipment:


- Permittee Name
- Permit number
- Label number

Underlying packaging/wrapping must carry the address, billing, and any other information required to direct the shipment to its final destination (i.e., the permit holder's address; N.B., USDA APHIS does not defray any additional shipping costs incurred for transiting the shipment through an inspection station as the initial US destination).

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