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## USDA APHIS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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### PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service is responsible for permitting transport of materials with the potential to harm U.S. Agricultural products. Because there is a delay in receiving permits as well as a possibility of inspection by APHIS, it is recommended that you begin your application process well in advance. If you plan on applying for a permit, please contact the Biosafety Officer at [biosafe@emory.edu](mailto:biosafe@emory.edu). Refer to the USDA website for more information.

**PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE (PPQ) PERMITS** protect the natural resources of the U.S. by monitoring entry, establishment, and spread of economically and environmentally significant pests.

- PPQ 525 - Permit to receive soil.
- PPQ 526 - Permit for possession, importation, interstate movement, and/or release of arthropods, biocontrol organisms, plant pathogens, animal feed and fish bait, snails and slugs, soil, plant growth enhancers, noxious weeds, parasitic plants, worms, soils, and other federally regulated organisms.
- PPQ 546 - Application for propagative plants that require post entry quarantine.
- PPQ 585 - Permit for importation of timber and timber products.
- PPQ 586 - Permit to domestically transport plants and plant products.
- PPQ 587 - Permit for importation of plants and plant products.
- PPQ 588 - Permit for importation of prohibited plants and plant products.
- PPQ 621 - Permit for importation, exportation, and/or re-exportation of protected terrestrial plants and/or products (CITES).

**VETERINARY SERVICES (VS) PERMITS** regulate importation and interstate transportation of pathogens of livestock and poultry and their derivatives.

- VS 16-3 - Permit for importation of controlled material, transport organisms or vectors, and/or animal products and by-products.
- VS 16-7 - Permit for importation of cell cultures and their products.
- VS 17-129 - Permit for importation or in-transit of live animals, semen, embryos.

**BIOTECHNOLOGY REGULATORY SERVICES (BRS) PERMITS** are for importation and interstate transportation of genetically modified plants, plant pests, and/or plant pathogens. BRS Permits are submitted electronically and questions regarding permit type can be sent to [biotechquery@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:biotechquery@aphis.usda.gov).

### CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS (CVB) PERMITS

- APHIS Form 2005 - Permit to import veterinary biologics for research and evaluation or transit shipment.