

How do I apply for a USDA permit?



USDA

United States Department of Agriculture
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

USDA APHIS issues permits for the import, transit and release of regulated animals, animal products, veterinary biologics, plants, plant products, pests, organisms, soil, and genetically engineered organisms.

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DETERMINE YOUR PERMIT NEEDS

PPQ
Plant Protection and Quarantine

Soils, plants, arthropods, soils, pathogens, etc.

VS
Veterinary Services

Pathogens of livestock, poultry, and their derivatives.

BRS
Biotechnology Regulatory Services

Genetically modified plants, plant pests, and or plant pathogens.

CVB
Center for Veterinary Biologics

Veterinary biologics for research and evaluation or transit shipment.

[CLICK HERE FOR USDA APHIS PERMIT DESCRIPTIONS AND GUIDELINES](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF MATERIALS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE A USDA IMPORT PERMIT](#)

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CREATE AN eAUTHENTICATION ACCOUNT

USDA uses an electronic platform for application submission and status updates. You must create an account to apply.

[CLICK HERE TO CREATE A USDA LEVEL 2 ACCESS ACCOUNT](#)

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COMPLETE THE IDENTITY VERIFICATION PROCESS



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FOLLOW ePERMIT SYSTEM INSTRUCTIONS

ePermits is a web-based system that allows users to submit import/interstate movement/transit/release permit applications, track applications, apply for renewals and amendments, and receive copies of their permits.

[CLICK HERE FOR A LIST OF EXAMPLE APPLICATION QUESTIONS](#)

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NOTIFY YOUR BIOSAFETY OFFICER

If you plan to apply for a permit or if you are scheduled to have an inspection, let us know and we can assist you in preparing for it.

EMAIL BIOSAFE@EMORY.EDU

Questions? Contacting USDA APHIS is the fastest way to resolve questions.

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