



To: Importer, Public Health Service Import Permit

Subject: Approval to import infectious biological agents, infectious substances or vectors

Attached, find your Public Health Service (PHS) import permit. The PHS import permit is valid only for the material(s), locations and conditions described in your application. The issuance and expiration dates located on the import permit pertain only to the dates that the importer is allowed to import into the United States the infectious biological agents, infectious substances, and vectors listed on the import permit. These dates do not relate to the conditions of continued possession associated with the permit. The conditions of continued possession listed on the permit remain in effect until the importer is no longer in possession of the imported material. The possession of a permit issued by the CDC does not satisfy permitting requirements placed on materials by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that may pose hazards

The permittee must ensure that:

1. The enclosed import permit and labels are forwarded to the shipper(s). The enclosed permit and labels may be photocopied if more are needed.
2. The shipper includes the PHS import permit with the shipping documents and the enclosed label (or copy of label) should be affixed to the outer shipping container.
3. A record of each importation (including permits and shipping documents) is maintained.
4. The shipment of infectious biological agents, infectious substance or vectors must be packaged, labeled, and shipped in accordance with all applicable federal and international regulations. Please note that the issuance of an import permit is not an authorization to hand carry the material.

Other permits may be required for the importation of infectious biological agents, infectious substances or vectors. If you have questions regarding this correspondence, contact CDC Import Permit Program at (404) 718-2077 or visit our website at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/>.

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