United States Veterinary Permit for Importation and Transportation of Controlled Materials and Organisms and Vectors

Permit Number
103594
Research

Date Issued
10/30/2021
Date Expires
10/30/2022

Name and Address of Shipper(s)
Various shippers outside the United States

Name and Address of Permittee Including Zip Code and Telephone Number
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C.C.:
Service Center, GA (Conyers, GA)

U.S. Port(s) of Arrival
As Applicable

Mode of Transportation
Any

As requested in your application, you are authorized to import or transport the following materials:

Blood, serum, fluid, and tissue specimens (avian origin) on FTA cards [Excluding samples from birds suspected or known to be infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza or virulent Newcastle Disease]

Restrictions and Precautions for Transporting and Handling Materials and All Derivatives

This permit is issued under authority contained in 9 CFR Chapter 1, Parts 94.55 and 122. The authorized materials or their derivatives shall be used only in accordance with the restrictions and precautions specified below (alterations of restrictions can be made only when authorized by USDA, APHIS, VS).

- Adequate safety precautions shall be maintained during shipment and handling to prevent dissemination of disease.

- With the use of this permit, Christine M. Lobinger, Permittee, acknowledge that the regulated material(s) will be imported/transported within the United States in accordance with the terms and conditions as are specified in the permit. The Permittee is the legal importer/recipient [as applicable] of regulated article(s) and is responsible for complying with the permit conditions. The Permittee must be at least 18 years of age and have and maintain an address in the United States that is specified on the permit; or if another legal entity, maintain an address or business office in the United States with a designated individual for service of process; and serve as the contact for the purpose of communications associated with the import, transit, or transport of the regulated article(s). **Note: Import/Permit requirements are subject to change at any time during the duration of this permit.

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To expedite clearances at the port of entry, bill of lading, airbill or other documents accompanying the shipment shall bear the permit number

Signature
Linda Kahn-Tobin

Title
Senior Staff Veterinarian
APHIS Veterinary Services

No. Labels

VS Form 16-6A (Mar 95) Replaces VS Form 16-3A and 16-28 which are obsolete
RESTRICTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS: (continued from Permit Form VS 16-6)

- ***Each shipment shall be accompanied by an ORIGINAL signed document from the producer/manufacturer confirming that the exported material: 1) was derived from birds/poultry that were NOT suspected of infection with highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) or virulent Newcastle disease (ND) virus; 2) contains a) liquid samples (such as blood, serum/plasma, or allantoic fluid) spotted onto Whatman® FTA Classic Cards, with non-overlapping 5-50 microliter spots, and no more than 125 microliters total in each active circular sample area and/or b) tissue sample imprints collected on Whatman® FTA Classic Cards, containing only liquid and no excess tissue; 3) was left to dry completely on the FTA card at ambient temperature (for 45 minutes or longer); and 4) was not exposed to any other animal origin material. [This certification must CLEARLY correspond to the shipment by means of an invoice number or shipping marks or lot number or other identification method. An English translation must be provided.]

- COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION OF THE IMPORTED MATERIALS AND/OR THEIR DERIVATIVES IS PROHIBITED.

- This permit DOES NOT authorize the import of samples from animals infected with or suspected of infection with any foreign animal disease agent (including, but not limited to HPAI and virulent ND virus) or work with these disease agents or diagnostic samples.

- This permit DOES NOT authorize direct or indirect exposure of or inoculation into laboratory and domestic livestock, (including but not limited to: birds/poultry/eggs, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and/or horses). Work with imported material and derivatives shall be limited to in vitro testing in a BSL-2 laboratory and shall not include bacterial culture or virus isolation procedures.

- Packaging, containers, and all equipment in contact with these materials shall be sterilized or considered a biohazard and be disposed of accordingly.

- THIS PERMIT IS VALID ONLY FOR WORK CONDUCTED OR DIRECTED BY YOU OR YOUR DESIGNEE IN YOUR PRESENT U.S. FACILITY OR APPROPRIATELY INSPECTED LABORATORY. THE AUTHORIZED IMPORTED MATERIAL(S) MUST BE SHIPPED/CONSIGNED DIRECTLY TO THE ADDRESS OF THE PERMITTEE AS IDENTIFIED ON THIS PERMIT. (MATERIALS AND/OR DERIVATIVES SHALL NOT BE MOVED TO ANOTHER U.S. LOCATION, OR DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE U.S., WITHOUT USDA, APHIS, VS AUTHORIZATION.)

- On completion of your work, all permitted materials and all derivatives therefrom shall be destroyed.

SIGNATURE Linda Kahn-Tobin

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- The restrictions on this permit remain in force as long as the material is in the United States.

- This permit does not exempt the permittee from responsibility for compliance with any other applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations.

- Any person who VIOLATES the terms and conditions of permits, and/or who forge, counterfeit, or deface permits may be subject to criminal and civil penalties in accordance with applicable law. In addition, all current permits may be cancelled and future permit applications denied.

- A copy of this permit must be included with the shipping documents. For imported materials, these documents must be presented to CBP Agricultural Specialists upon arrival at the U.S. port of arrival.

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