

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

GUIDANCE ON TRANSPORTATION PERMIT REQUIREMENT:

1. PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS:

Special federal permits may be required for importing, exporting and/or transporting human pathogens, animal pathogens, animals or animal products, plant pathogens or plant pests, and plants or plant products. Permit requirements should be verified well in advance of needing the material in question, because some permits can take 60-180 days to receive.

2. Animals, Plants, Introduction of Genetically Modified Organisms:

The USDA, through its Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), regulates transport of materials that could potentially harm U.S. agricultural products, such as livestock or crops. For this reason, APHIS permits may be required for import, export and/or transport of animal or plant pathogens, soil samples, insects, import or export of animals, animal products, plants or plant products, or transport or introduction of genetically modified organisms into the environment. The information contained on the following APHIS websites and Biosafety Personnel can help determine if a permit is required and assist with the application process. The PI or designee will find the appropriate permit applications at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/permits>.

a. USDA-APHIS-Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ): PPQ permits are for the import and interstate transport of plant materials, plant pests, plant pathogens and soils. The PI will review the following PPQ permits and apply as appropriate.

- 1) PPQ 525 – Permit to receive soil.
- 2) PPQ 526 – Permit for importation, interstate movement, possession, and/or release into the environment of insects, mites, bees, butterflies, moths, biocontrol organisms, plant pathogens (bacteria, fungi, mycoplasma, nematode), snails, slugs, federal noxious weeds, parasite plants, earthworms, soil, widely prevalent regulated organisms.
- 3) PPQ 546 – Agreement for post-entry quarantine.
- 4) PPQ 585 – Permit to import timber or timber products.
- 5) PPQ 586 – Permit to transit plants or plants products through the US.
- 6) PPQ 587 – Permit to import plants or plants products.
- 7) PPQ 588 – Permit to import prohibited plants or prohibited plants products.
- 8) PPQ 621 – Permit to engage in importing, exporting or reexporting terrestrial plants or plant products that are protected.

b. USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services (VS): VS permits are for the import and interstate transport of pathogens of livestock and poultry, and anything biological derived from or exposed to pathogens of livestock and poultry. The PI or designee will review following VS permits and apply as appropriate.

- 1) VS 16-3 – Permit to import controlled material or transport organisms or vectors or animal products and by-products
- 2) VS 16-7 – Permit to import cell cultures and products
- 3) VS 17-129 – Permit to import or in transit live animals, semen or embryos

- c. USDA-APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS): BRS permits and notifications are for the import and interstate movement of genetically modified plants, plant pests or plant pathogens.
- d. USDA-APHIS Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB): CVB permits for each shipment of veterinary biological products to be imported and for each transit shipment of biological products moved through the United States.
 - 1) APHIS Form 2005 – Application for United States Veterinary Biological Product Permit to import veterinary biologics for research and evaluation or transit shipment.

3. Human Pathogens or Biological Toxins:

The Department of Health and Human Services, through the CDC, regulates the import and transport of biological materials that could cause illness in humans. These regulated biological materials include pathogenic bacteria or viruses, toxins from biological sources (for example, tetanus toxin, aflatoxin, etc.), blood or tissues capable of containing pathogens transmissible to humans and certain animals, and insects that may harbor disease-causing organisms. The information contained on the CDC website and Biosafety Personnel can help determine if a permit is required and assist with the application process.

- a. CDC Etiologic Agent Import Permit Program (EAIPP): EAIPP permits are for the importation and subsequent interstate shipment of certain etiological agents and materials that may harbor these agents (42 CFR 72). The CDC issues permits authorizing the importation or receipt of regulated materials and specifying conditions under which the agent or vector may be shipped, handled, and manipulated. The permit can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/>.

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