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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.

- ***Materials shall be consigned directly to the permittee address specified above.
- ***Each shipment shall be accompanied by an ORIGINAL signed document from the producer/manufacturer confirming that the exported materials: 1) are serum, blood, fecal, and/or fixed tissue samples derived only from bovine, equine, ovine, and/or caprine animals originating from Canada; and 2) were not exposed to any other animal derived 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.]
- It is incumbent upon the permittee to uphold proper biosafety procedures and protocols to protect human and animal health as per institutional policy and recommendations published in Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, current edition.
- This permit DOES NOT authorize the import of samples from animals suspected of infection with any foreign animal disease agent (including but not limited to, African horse sickness, glanders, foot and mouth disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, lumpy skin disease, sheep and goat pox, peste des petits ruminants, Brucella melitensis), or work with these disease agents or diagnostic samples.
- This permit provides an option as EXCEPTION to transport permitted materials in personal baggage of an individual specifically designated by the Permittee. The hand-carrier individual must be an U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident with a valid U.S. passport or Permanent Visa and shall possess and submit to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) a proof of authorization document, signed by the permittee. The authorization document must be printed on letterhead of the receiving facility, including the receiving facility address, this permit number, a list of imported materials, along with the hand-carrier's name, current address, telephone number, email address, and passport number. Materials must be packaged consistent with the minimum packaging requirements of 42 CFR 72.2. The package shall remain in possession of the hand-carrier individual throughout the journey, and the package shall not be opened in transit except when ordered and monitored by the government/international law enforcement agencies.
- 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

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horses). Work with imported material and derivatives shall be limited to in vitro testing in appropriate biocontainment in a Biosafety Level 2 (or higher) laboratory only.

- Materials, derivatives, packaging, containers, and all equipment in contact with the imported products shall be sterilized or considered a biohazard and disposed of accordingly.
- Isolation of any animal disease agent not endemic to the U.S. from imported samples shall be reported within 48 hours to USDA, APHIS Veterinary Services (VS), Animal Products Imports and Exports (APIE) staff at (301) 851-3300. Permittee must follow instructions from USDA, APHIS, VS, APIE personnel regarding disinfection and/or any other necessary safeguarding requirements.
- Importer/permittee is responsible for obtaining any required authorization (letter or permit) from the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (DHHS, CDC). Importer to contact: (404) 718-2077.
- Imported articles (including hand-carried material) may be subject to regulations enforced by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Please visit their website: http://cbp.gov/biologicals.
- Work with the permitted material shall be performed in accordance with the condition requirements described in this permit. Subsequent distribution to another state is prohibited without prior authorization of APHIS (in the form of an interstate transport permit, written correspondence, or reference to an applicable guideline for no import permit required). Any change in use, treatment, disposal, and distribution within the state may require approval from the state and/or local government.
- On completion of your work, all permitted materials and all derivatives therefrom shall be destroyed.
- 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.
- This permit shall not be used to transport or import of any select agents (HHS AND USDA SELECT AGENTS AND TOXINS, 7 CFR Part 331, 9 CFR Part 121, and 42 CFR Part 73).
- A copy of this permit should 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.

TO EXPEDITE CLEARANCES AT THE PORT OF ENTRY, BILL OF LADING, AIRBILL OR OTHER DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING THE SHIPMENT SHALL BEAR THE PERMIT NUMBER

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