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Thursday, February 18, 2021

Dear Edwin Cooper:

Your USDA Veterinary Permit to import and/or transport controlled materials, organisms, or vectors accompanies this cover letter.

Review this permit carefully, as the statements and language may have changed to reflect the requirements of newly published regulations.

Please note the following:

- USDA Veterinary Permits no longer require a signature. Use of the permit for importation of the described commodity(ies) is acknowledgement that the permittee is legally responsible for complying with the permit conditions.
- Review the import permit for errors. Should you identify any errors, please contact our office immediately
- A copy of the permit must accompany every shipment.

Do Not send the permit back to this office.

Contact our office with any questions or concerns at [apie@usda.gov](mailto:apie@usda.gov) or 301-851-3300, option 4.

Sincerely,

Troy Bigelow, DVM  
Organisms and Vectors Permitting  
Animal Product Import and Export (APIE)

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.APHIS.USDA.GOV](http://WWW.APHIS.USDA.GOV) AND ENJOY OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER WHICH HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORT AND EXPORT STAFF CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARD SAFEGUARDING U.S. AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK. THIS NEWSLETTER ALSO FEATURES

CURRENT TRENDS SHAPING APHIS/APIE AND THE IMPORT PERMIT PROCESS.

HAVE A SHIPMENT ON-HOLD? PLEASE VISIT OUR REVAMPED ON-HOLD SHIPMENT WEBSITE FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE [On Hold](#) - Shipment Notification Application (for Animal Products and By-Products)

**UNITED STATES VETERINARY PERMIT FOR IMPORTATION  
AND TRANSPORTATION OF CONTROLLED MATERIALS AND  
ORGANISMS AND VECTORS**

PERMIT NUMBER  
114499  
Research

DATE ISSUED  
03/18/2021

DATE EXPIRES  
03/18/2022

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER(S)

USDA, APHIS, National Veterinary Services Laboratory  
P.O. Box 844  
Ames, Iowa 50010  
UNITED STATES

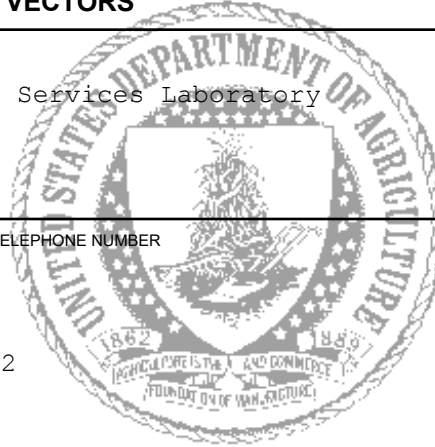
CC:  
Service Center, TX (Oklahoma  
City, OK)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

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U.S. PORT(S) OF ARRIVAL  
TRANSPORT PERMIT

MODE OF TRANSPORTATION ANY



AS REQUESTED IN YOUR APPLICATION, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO IMPORT OR TRANSPORT THE FOLLOWING MATERIALS

Livestock and poultry pathogens of the following: *Leptospira* species isolates - cultures

**RESTRICTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS FOR TRANSPORTING AND HANDLING MATERIALS AND ALL DERIVATIVES**

THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN 9 CFR CHAPTER 1, PARTS 94.95 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).

- o **Adequate safety precautions shall be maintained during shipment and handling to prevent dissemination of disease.**
- o With the use of this permit I, Edwin Cooper, 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.
- o \*\*\*Materials shall be consigned directly to the permittee address specified above.
- o **TRANSPORTED MATERIAL MUST BE OF U.S. ORIGIN.**

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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 Troy Bigelow

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APHIS Veterinary Services

NO. LABELS

RESTRICTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS: (continued from Permit Form VS 16-6)

- Work shall be limited to laboratory studies only. This permit does not authorize direct or indirect exposure of or inoculation into domestic livestock, including birds/poultry, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, and/or horses. All laboratory animals which are to be exposed to the material must be held only in isolated facilities with insect and rodent control program in effect.
  - Packaging, containers, and all equipment in contact with these materials shall be sterilized or considered a biohazard and be disposed of accordingly.
  - Pens, cages, bedding, waste, and dead animals in contact with these materials shall be sterilized or considered a biohazard and be disposed of accordingly.
  - The permittee is responsible for implementing biosecurity protocols and standards to contain the agent(s). The CDC's Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL) provides biosafety and biosecurity guidelines such as BSL 2 that should/could be utilized for the agent(s) listed on this permit.
  - 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.
  - This permit does not exempt the permittee from responsibility for compliance with any other applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations.
  - A copy of this permit should be included with the shipping documents.
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