



**United States  
Department of  
Agriculture**

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Veterinary Services

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COL Michelle Thompson / DoD Veterinary Food Analysis and Diagnostic Lab  
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Monday, November 23, 2020

Dear COL Michelle Thompson:

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,

Dr. Lynette Williams  
Senior Staff Veterinarian  
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  
49136  
Research

DATE ISSUED  
12/08/2020

DATE EXPIRES  
12/08/2021

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER(S)

Various shippers outside the  
UNITED STATES

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

COL Michelle Thompson  
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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

U.S. Returned Beef Samples (Uncooked) - (bovine origin)

**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, Michelle Thompson, 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 \*\*\*Each shipment shall be accompanied by an ORIGINAL certificate endorsed by a full-time, salaried veterinarian of the U.S. Army, DOD, certifying that the beef samples being shipped to the United States were of U.S. origin and were not commingled with meat from any other countries.  
[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.]

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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 Lynette Williams  
*Lynette D. Williams*

TITLE  
Senior Staff Veterinarian  
APHIS Veterinary Services

NO. LABELS

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

- Imported material exposed to or derived from ruminants originating in any country listed below may NOT be used, either directly or indirectly in ANY animals due to the presence or significant risk of bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE) in these countries. Work shall be limited to IN VITRO uses only.
- BSE countries/regions include Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, the Republic of Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Republic of San Marino, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom [includes Great Britain (England, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man), Northern Ireland, and the Falklands].
- Importer is responsible for obtaining any required authorization from the USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). FSIS may have specific public health requirements apart from USDA's animal health requirements for the permitted product. Importer to contact [(202) 720-9904 or (202) 720-3473].
- This permit is valid only for work conducted or directed by you or your designee in your present U.S. facilities. (MATERIALS SHALL NOT BE MOVED TO ANOTHER U.S. LOCATION, OR DISTRIBUTED WITHIN THE U.S., WITHOUT USDA, APHIS, VS, NCIE AUTHORIZATION.)
- 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.
- 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.

SIGNATURE Lynette Williams

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