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Friday, August 7, 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,

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  
134557  
Research

DATE ISSUED  
08/28/2020

DATE EXPIRES  
08/28/2021

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SHIPPER(S)

Various shippers within...  
Countries listed in permit restrictions below

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

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND TELEPHONE NUMBER

COL Michelle Thompson  
U.S. Army Public Health Command - C  
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Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234  
210-295-4533

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

Dead mosquitos, sandflies, ticks, fleas and other arthropod vectors

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

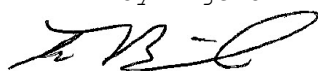
THIS PERMIT IS ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN 9 CFR CHAPTER 1, PARTS 94.95 AND 122. THE AUTHORIZED MATERIALS OR THEIR DERIVATIVES SHALL BE USED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS SPECIFIED BELOW (ALTERATIONS OF RESTRICTIONS CAN BE MADE ONLY WHEN AUTHORIZED BY USDA, APHIS, VS).

- o **Adequate safety precautions shall be maintained during shipment and handling to prevent dissemination of disease.**
- o With the use of this permit I, COL 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 \*\*\*Materials shall be consigned directly to the permittee at the inspected laboratory facility specified below.
- o \*\*\*Each shipment shall be accompanied by an ORIGINAL document from the producer confirming that the exported insects/arthropods: 1) originate from Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Germany, Kosovo, Guam, Honduras, Peru, Cuba, Venezuela, Japan, South Korea, Liberia, and Senegal; 2) are confirmed dead; and 3) after killing have not been exposed to any animal origin materials.  
[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

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NO. LABELS

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

- All studies must be conducted in your Biosafety Level 2 facilities located in the Food Analysis and Diagnostic lab.
- The imported material must be shipped by a commercial courier with tracking capabilities. Hand-carried material is subject to confiscation and destruction.
- This permit DOES NOT authorize direct or indirect exposure of or inoculation into laboratory and domestic animals, including poultry, cattle, sheep, swine, horses, etc. Work shall be limited to IN VITRO uses only.
- Packaging, containers, and all equipment in contact with the imported products shall be sterilized or considered a biohazard and must be disposed of accordingly.
- 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 US 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.
- 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.
- 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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