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Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) Import Guidance for Courtesy Permits—*Drosophila Melanogaster* (not subject to regulation under APHIS/BRS' authority)

IMPORTING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS NOT SUBJECT TO REGULATION UNDER BRS' AUTHORITY:

The enclosed Courtesy Permit authorizes you to import non-regulated organisms from foreign sources and includes a "Letter of No Jurisdiction" for your shipping documents. This is a Courtesy Permit for importation of organisms modified through genetic engineering which are not subject to regulation under BRS' authority. The purpose of the Courtesy Permit is to facilitate the importation when the importation might otherwise be impeded because of the similarity of the organisms to other organisms that are regulated under BRS' authority. A copy of the "Letter of No Jurisdiction" should accompany each shipment and will help ensure that once your package is cleared by Customs and Border Protection, it will be routed to the final destination as noted on your Courtesy Permit. If you are planning on mailing your importations (Courtesy Permits), this will involve an International Air Waybill. You will need to obtain an International Air Waybill to ship your non-regulated organisms from the point of origin to the final destination as noted on the Courtesy Permit.

- Please see the example of a Letter of No Jurisdiction provided with this document.
- Address the International Air Waybill as follows:
 - From: Shipper
 - To: Final Address as Outlined on the Permit
- Please provide a copy of the Letter of No Jurisdiction and the Courtesy Permit with your shipping documents.
- Place in the inside of the package along with the non-regulated organisms the following:
 - A copy of the issued Courtesy Permit
 - A copy of the Letter of No Jurisdiction

