

Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS)

Shipping Label Requirements for Importation of Genetically Engineered Organism

IMPORTING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS:

The enclosed permits/notifications # **08-066** [REDACTED] authorizes you to receive imported organisms from foreign sources and includes 8 labels for you to provide to your supplier. These labels must be affixed to each shipment and will ensure that your package will be routed to the appropriate PPQ Plant Inspection Station at the respective Port of Entry into the United States.

Failure to Follow the Enclosed Instructions May Result in Your Materials Being Returned to Sender/Shipper or Destroyed.

Directions for Importing Genetically Engineered Organisms under Permit/Notification into the United States:

- All materials covered under this permit/notification require the use of the attached APHIS Form 2051 (Blue & White Importation Label).
- Please see the attached Blue & White Import Label provided with this letter.
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- Paste securely to the face of each package to be mailed a Blue & White Import Label.
- Do not write on the Blue & White Import Label.
- Follow the container requirements for the importation of regulated articles in accordance with 7CFR340.8
 - http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_05/7cfr340_05.html
- Place in the inside of the package along with the regulated article the following:
 - For Notification(s) - a copy of the acknowledgement letter (CBI Deleted Version if applicable)
 - For Permit(s) – a copy of the approved permit (CBI Deleted Version if applicable)
 - Consignee's name & address and invoice/packing list.
 - Domestic Air Waybill (if applicable-see below for additional information)
- Follow the marking & identity requirements for the importation of a regulated article in accordance with 7CFR340.7
 - http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_05/7cfr340_05.html

7CFR340.7 Marking and Identity:

Via – Freight (Ship/Rail Cargo)

(a) Any regulated article to be imported other than by mail, shall, at the time of importation into the United States, plainly and correctly bear on the outer container the following information:

- (1) General nature and quantity of the contents;
- (2) Country and locality where collected, developed, manufactured, reared, cultivated or cultured;
- (3) Name and address of shipper, owner, or person shipping or forwarding the organism;
- (4) Name, address, and telephone number of consignee;
- (5) Identifying shipper's mark and number; and
- (6) Number of written permit authorizing the importation.

Via- Conventional Mail/Overnight Carrier/Postal Services

(b) Any regulated article imported by mail, shall be plainly and correctly addressed and mailed to APHIS at a port of entry designated by an asterisk in 7 CFR 319.37-14(b) and shall be accompanied by a separate sheet of paper within the package plainly and correctly bearing the name, address, and telephone number of the intended recipient, and shall plainly and correctly bear on the outer container the following information:

- (1) General nature and quantity of the contents;
- (2) Country and locality where collected, developed, manufactured, reared, cultivated, or cured;
- (3) Name and address of shipper, owner, or person shipping or forwarding the regulated article; and
- (4) Number of permit authorizing the importation;

(c) Any regulated article imported into the United States by mail or otherwise shall, at the time of importation or offer for importation into the United States, be accompanied by an invoice or packing list indicating the contents of the shipment.

Expediting International & Domestic Air Waybills:

Mailing of importations will involve both an International Air Waybill and a Domestic Air Waybill. You will need to obtain both the International and the Domestic Air Waybills at the initial stage of shipment. The International Air Waybill brings the material into the United States and to the appropriate Plant Inspection Station. The Domestic Air Waybill ensures delivery from the Plant Inspection Station to the final destination.

Place the Domestic Air Waybill inside the package to be shipped. Upon clearance of the shipment at the Plant Inspection Station, the inspector will attach the Domestic Air Waybill to the package and forward the package to the final destination listed on the Domestic Air Waybill.

Address the International Air Waybill as follows:

- From: Shipper
- To: The Plant Inspection Station Listed on the Blue & White Import Label
 - See example of import label below

Address the Domestic Air Waybill as follows:

- From: The Plant Inspection Station Listed on the Blue & White Import Label
 - See example of import label below
- To: Final Address as Outlined on the Permit/Notification

In the event of any accidental and/or unauthorized release of the regulated article, contact BRS Compliance and Inspection Branch by phone (301) 734-5690, fax (301) 734-7487, or e-mail at BRSCompliance@aphis.usda.gov

Imports into the United States may require a phytosanitary certificate from the country of origin and/or a PPQ permit. Please call PPQ @ (877) 770-5990 for additional assistance in regards to their requirements if necessary.

For additional import labels, please process your request as follows:

- Request import labels via the ePermits system electronically for both Notifications & Permits
 - <https://epermits.aphis.usda.gov/epermits>
- Request import labels via email for both Notifications & Permits
 - BRSPermits@aphis.usda.gov
- Request import labels via telephone for Notifications
 - 301-734-8443
- Request import labels via telephone for Permits

o 301-734-0617

Example: Import Label (Shipping) for Genetically Engineered Organisms

GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISM
DO NOT OPEN EXCEPT BY
INSPECTOR OR DESIGNATED PERSONNEL

DELIVER TO:
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE

Label # 1 of 8 **Plant Inspection Station:**
Miami Inspection Station
3500 NW. 62nd Avenue
Miami, FL 33159

(See acknowledgment letter S-Bennett) **PERMIT NO.**
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