

United States Department of Agriculture

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Biotechnology Regulatory Services

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# Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) Shipping Label Guidance for Importation of Regulated Genetics

## Shipping Label Guidance for Importation of Regulated Genetically Engineered Organisms

#### IMPORTING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED ORGANISMS:

The enclosed permit #AUTH-xxxxxx 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 into the United States:** 

- All materials covered under this permit require the use of the attached blueand-white label (APHIS Form 2051).
- Please see the attached blue-and-white label(s) (APHIS Form 2051) provided with this letter.
- Paste securely to the face of each package to be mailed a blue-and-white label (APHIS Form 2051).
- Do not write on the blue-and-white label (APHIS Form 2051).
- Place in the inside of the package along with the regulated article the following:
  - o A copy of the approved permit (CBI Deleted Version if applicable)
  - o Consignee's name & address and invoice/packing list.
  - Domestic Air Waybill (if applicable-see below for additional information)



#### **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:

- o From: Shipper
- o 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:

- o 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

In the event of any accidental and/or unauthorized release of the regulated article, contact BRS Compliance and Inspection Branch by phone (301) 851-3935, 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, a phytosanitary certificate of re-exportation (e.g. Ships from Africa to France, then France to the U.S.), a Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) permit, and/or other certifying PPQ documents. Please call PPQ @ (877) 770-5990 for additional assistance in regards to their requirements if necessary or unknown.

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

- Request import labels via the eFile system electronically for Permits.
  - o https://efile.aphis.usda.gov
- Request import labels via email for Permits
  - o BRSpermits@usda.gov
- Request import labels via telephone for Permits
  - 0 301-851-3935

### **Example:** Import Label (Shipping) for Genetically Engineered Organisms



