

[Select agents](#) are biological agents and toxins that have the potential to pose a severe threat to both human and animal health, plant health, or to animal and plant products. These materials are regulated by the Federal Select Agent Program, under 7 CFR Part 331, 9 CFR Part 121, and 42 CFR Part 73. The Federal Select Agent Program will exclude certain materials, such as an attenuated strain of a select agent or toxin, that do not pose a severe threat to the public or agriculture from the select agent requirements. These materials are known as [excluded select agents](#).

APHIS requires that certain excluded select agents – live, killed, or nucleic acids – have a valid OV permit for importation into the United States. APHIS also requires an OV permit for interstate (from one state or territory to another) transportation of certain *live* excluded select agents. In all instances, the permit applicant or the shipper must verify that the agent is excluded from regulation (listed as excluded on the [Federal Select Agents Program website](#) or granted a letter of exclusion issued by the Federal Select Agent Program).

Agents (species/descriptive name) that may need an OV permit for Import or Transport:

African horse sickness virus

African swine fever virus

Avian influenza virus (highly pathogenic)

Bacillus anthracis

Bacillus anthracis Pasteur strain

Brucella abortus

Brucella melitensis

Brucella suis

Burkholderia mallei

Burkholderia pseudomallei

Classical Swine Fever virus*

Coxiella burnetti

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (excluding North American genotypes*)

Foot and Mouth disease virus*

Francisella tularensis

Goat pox virus

Hendra virus

Lumpy skin disease virus

Mycoplasma capricolum subspecies capripneumoniae (contagious caprine pleuropneumonia)

Mycoplasma mycoides subspecies mycoides small colony (Mmm SC) (contagious bovine pleuropneumonia)

Newcastle disease virus (virulent)

Nipah virus

Peste des petits ruminants virus

reconstructed replication competent forms of 1918 pandemic influenza virus

Rift Valley fever virus

Rinderpest virus

Sheep pox virus

Swine vesicular disease virus*

Venezuelan Equine Encephalitis virus (excluding subtypes IAB and IC*)

***Nucleic acids from these organisms are considered select agents. Movement of select agent nucleic acids are regulated through select agent transfer (not through permit). Please see:**

<https://www.selectagents.gov/na-regulated.html>