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¹ The Federal Select Agent Program oversees the possession, use and transfer of biological select agents and toxins . For the current list of select agents, regulatory rules, transfer, and exclusions, please visit: <http://www.selectagents.gov/regulations.html>. Transfer of non-viable select agents and select agents that are excluded from the Select Agent Program are regulated by USDA Veterinary Service (VS) permit. Agricultural Select Agent Services can be contacted at email: AqSAS@aphis.usda.gov or by phone at 301-851-3300, option 3.

² A VS permit is not required for intrastate transport. VS regulates organisms and vectors importing into the United States or transported from one State or Territory or the District of Columbia to another State or Territory or the District of Columbia.

³ The Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) regulates importation of biologics formulated to use for the prevention, diagnosis, management, or cure of diseases of animals. For more information and import permit requirement for veterinary biologics, please contact CVB by email to cvb@aphis.usda.gov or phone 515-337-6100

⁴ A partial list of VS regulated livestock and poultry pathogens are available at www.aphis.usda.gov/animal-health/organisms-vectors. Regulated aquatic pathogens are: Spring viremia of carp, Viral hemorrhagic septicemia, Infectious salmon anemia. Toxins are not regulated by Organisms and Vectors permitting. The website also lists APHIS guidelines to determine when a VS permit is not required for importation or transportation of non-pathogenic microorganisms and vectors. For questions, please email ov@aphis.usda.gov or phone 301-851-3300, option 3.

⁵ Organisms and vectors (including those not regulated by VS) can also be under regulatory jurisdiction of other federal agencies. Movement of plant and soil organisms is regulated by APHIS Plant Protection Quarantine (PPQ). PPQ can be contacted by email at Pest.Permits@aphis.usda.gov and phone: 301-851-2046. Human and non-human primate pathogens are regulated by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Import Permit Program (IPP). CDC can be contacted by email: importpermit@cdc.gov and phone: 404-718-2077.

⁶ Importation of organisms and vectors non-pathogenic to livestock or poultry will require a VS permit if the material has been isolated from or exposed to animals, or cultured or stored in animal products (e.g., animal derived cell lines, nutrient factors, FBS, trypsin, egg or egg components).

⁷ Depending on the origin country/region of animal products, a safety test to rule out the presence of certain high consequence disease agents-and/or possible inactivation treatment of the importing material-at an APHIS-laboratory may be required before the material is granted release-to the final US destination. To find the USDA-recognized animal health status of particular countries and regions, please visit [Country Animal Disease Status](#) available at: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/wps/portal/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth> under the subtitle "Importing into U.S."

⁸ Before granting a VS import or transport permit, an appropriately inspected and APHIS-approved facility may be required for certain pathogenic materials. These labs are inspected at Biosafety level 2 or greater.