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The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Customs and Border Protection (CBP) enforces APHIS regulations at ports of entry. CBP agriculture specialists inspect shipments of imported products and ensure that the required permits, sanitary certificates (for animal products), and phytosanitary certificates (for plant products) accompany each shipment.

In order to avoid potential problems in the clearance of your merchandise, CBP strongly recommends that you familiarize yourself with the agency's policies and procedures prior to actually importing your goods. View the CBP website for additional information and the below listed links for relative import information.

- Considerations to take prior to importing something into the United States
- Tips for New Importers
- Importing into the United States: A Guide for Commercial Importers

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- March 2003 MOA With Articles 1–12 (1.88 MB)

Appendices to Articles (between CBP and APHIS):

- Appendix 2 & 3: Separation of Function, including addendum (19.29 MB)
- Appendix 4: Training (61.6 KB)
- Appendix 5: Transfer of Funds (159.29 KB); Codicil to Appendix 5 (24.18 KB)
- Appendix 6: Cooperation and Reciprocity (6.01 MB)
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