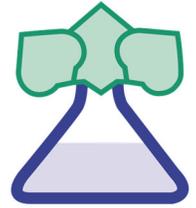


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## FOREIGN SOIL PACKAGING & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

USDA-APHIS Requirements

Permit Number P330-20-00011

Effective 02/22/2016 Expires 01/13/2023

The following packaging and shipping requirements apply to soil samples that originate outside the United States and are being shipped to the lab for **nutrient analysis only**:

1. Each sample must be placed into a sturdy, leak proof container.
  - a) American Ag Lab's poly lined soil bag securely fastened to prevent loss of sample, or a container with a screw on lid is also acceptable.
  - b) Shipping boxes must have a plastic bag for an inner lining which contains a paper towel or another absorbent material.
  - c) Each shipment must contain in the underlying packaging, the address and other information to direct it to its final destination.
2. The filled soil containers are then placed into the plastic bag lined box.
  - a) Samples must be packed to prevent shifting in transport.
  - b) The plastic bag must be securely fastened to prevent loss of sample should the sample container rupture.
  - c) Tape the box well to prevent breakage.
3. Soil samples must be shipped by themselves. No other sample types.
  - a) The shipment must be free from foreign matter or debris, plant and plant parts including noxious weeds and infestations by other microorganisms such as insects, cyst nematode, nematodes mollusks and acari.
4. **A copy of the 'Permit to Receive Soil', Number P330-20-00011, in its entirety must be placed inside the shipping box.**
  - a) A copy of this permit will be provided by the lab at your request.
  - b) The permit can be photocopied and used until the expiry date.
  - c) You must read the permit before shipping samples.
5. **You must attach a PPQ Form 550 Black/White label to the exterior of each shipment being imported under this permit.** Contact the Lab for these labels before shipping any samples.
6. The shipping container should be labeled as "Regulated Material, Contains Soil" in a brightly colored ink, or request colored labels from the Laboratory.
7. The address label should be addressed to Kevin Grooms, American Agricultural Lab, 700 West D Street, McCook, NE 69001. If preaddressed or UPS/ARS labels are used, write "Attn: Kevin Grooms" on them.
8. Samples must be sent by a bonded carrier. 'Hand carry' across the border is not permitted without prior approval by a "special request".
  - a) Any shipping chargers incurred by American Ag Lab in receiving samples will be billed back to the client. Due to USDA/APHIS regulations, samples received without the proper paper work and packaging may be sterilized (destroyed) upon receipt, without analysis, at the client's expense.