

CDC Import Permit Reminders

[Import Regulations for Infectious Biological Agents, Infectious Substances, and Vectors](#)

If noted as a condition of the issued permit, **subsequent transfers or distribution** of any infectious biological agent, infectious substance or vector within the United States will **require an additional permit issued by the CDC.**

Examples of permit conditions:

5. CONDITIONS OF ISSUANCE ITEMS APPLICABLE WHEN CHECKED	PACKAGING MUST CONFORM TO 49 CFR SECTIONS 171-180. WORK WITH THE AGENT(S) DESCRIBED SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO AREAS AND CONDITIONS MEETING REQUIREMENTS IN THE CDC/NIH PUBLICATION "BIOSAFETY IN MICROBIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL LABORATORIES." AS THE PERMITTEE, YOUR FACILITY WILL BE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE TO CONFIRM THAT THE IMPORTERS BIOSAFETY MEASURES ARE COMMENSURATE WITH THE HAZARD POSED BY THE ITEMS TO BE IMPORTED AND THE LEVEL OF RISK GIVEN ITS INTENDED USE. SUBSEQUENT DISTRIBUTION WITHIN THE U.S. OF THE MATERIAL DESCRIBED IN THIS PERMIT IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE. ALL MATERIAL IS FOR LABORATORY USE ONLY - NOT FOR USE IN THE PRODUCTION OF BIOLOGICS FOR HUMANS OR ANIMALS. THE SUBSEQUENT DISTRIBUTION OF SARS-COV-2 WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL SEPARATE PERMIT. WORK SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERIM RISK ASSESSMENT HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS/2019-NCOV/LAB/LAB-BIOSAFETY-GUIDELINES.HTML
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Subsequent transfers or distribution can include:

- Transferring material to a **different** researcher or to a **room** that was not within the scope of the original application.
- **A permit is required if neither the room nor the proposed recipient is listed on the original import permit.**

The laboratory location(s) where the materials are used must be accurate and revised as needed:

- If the rooms change, then a renewal application can be filed to report the change. Moving rooms by itself is not necessarily a transfer if it is still under the scope of the **same permittee/researcher** listed in the permit application.

The listing of authorized users on the permit must also be accurate and revised as needed:

- You may modify a permit application to add additional users **BUT** the permittee is still ultimately responsible for the activities with the imported materials.