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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE  
PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO TRANSIT PLANTS  
AND/OR PLANT PRODUCTS THROUGH  
THE UNITED STATES

INSTRUCTIONS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY. PERMITS ARE NOT  
ISSUED TO A P.O. BOX. READ THE ENTIRE APPLICATION  
BEFORE COMPLETING. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS OF  
PAPER IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED.

FORWARD COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

USDA-APHIS-PPQ  
PERMIT UNIT  
4700 RIVER ROAD, UNIT 136  
RIVERDALE, MD 20737-1236  
1-877-770-5990; FAX: (301) 734-0572

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

2a. The port of arrival in the U.S. and  
the location of any subsequent stop:

2b. Country of Final Destination

3. Telephone Number (including area code)

4. Fax Number (including area code)

5. E-Mail Address

6. The Specific Origin, Type, and Quantity of Plants and/or Plant Products

(a) Country of Origin	(b) Quantity	(c) Scientific names of plants and/or plant products (scientific, botanical, or English names must be included. Colloquial names are not acceptable.)

7. The location of (and the time needed for) any storage in the U.S.:

8. Any location in the U.S. where the plants and/or plant products are  
to be transloaded:

9. The means of conveyance (e.g., air, truck, ocean, rail) to be used  
to transport the plants and/or plant products:

A. INTO THE U.S. via:

B. THROUGH THE U.S. via:

10. Use of any additional packing or packaging to secure the  
materials and any associated pests: *(Includes shrink wrapping, pest  
proof screening, pallets with tops/bottoms, etc.)*

11. If the commodity itself is to be transferred from one containment  
entity to another (i.e., sea container to another container, between  
different truck trailer boxes, airline pallets to truck), does the  
transloaded facility have a current compliance agreement with the  
U.S. Department of Agriculture?

Yes  No

12. Are doors on containers, including truck and rail, solid and  
sealable?

Yes  No

13. Are all openings in the container, including drains, vents,  
introduction ports, etc., mesh screened?

Yes  No

14. If storage in the U.S. is necessary, has confirmation been made  
with the facility that they can maintain the transiting cargo in a  
protected area to prevent loss or pilferage?

Yes  No

Do they have a compliance agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture?

Yes  No

15. The estimated time necessary to accomplish exportation from  
arrival at the port of entry to exit at the port of export:

16. The final port of exit in the U.S.:

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17. Signature of Applicant:

18. Print Name of Applicant:

19. Date:

**Instructions for Completing PPQ Form 586**  
**Application for Permit to Transit Plants and/or Plant Products through the United States**

Please **TYPE** or **PRINT** legibly to complete. Do not leave any sections unfilled; for those that do not apply, please enter "N/A" (possible for numbers 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, and 14).

1. Enter the name of the company representative who is responsible for the shipment, the company name, and a street address. Post Office box number addresses are not acceptable.
- 2a. Enter the location of the first United States port of arrival and list any subsequent stops thereafter within the United States.
- 2b. Enter the country and location of the final destination outside the United States.
3. Enter both the company phone number and the company representative's work phone number. Be sure to include the Area Code and any extensions. Cell phone numbers are acceptable.
4. Enter a fax number, including the Area Code.
5. Enter an e-mail address. If you do not have an e-mail address or do not wish to use one, enter "N/A."
- 6a. Enter the country or countries from which the product is originally being shipped.
- 6b. Enter the approximate amount and/or quantity of each shipment.
- 6c. Enter the scientific (Latin) names for each plant or plant product. If you do not know the scientific names, enter the English common name of each plant.
7. Enter the location of storage and the time needed for storage. If storage is not needed, enter "N/A."
8. Enter the city and State of the port where transloading will occur. If not transloading, enter "N/A."
- 9a. Enter how the product will arrive, *e.g.*, air, ocean, truck, and/or rail.
- 9b. Enter how the product will be transported through the United States, *e.g.*, air, truck, and /or rail.
10. If additional packaging is being used, please describe the type, *e.g.*, shrink wrapping, pest proof screening, etc. If additional packaging is not being used, enter "N/A."
11. Indicate yes or no if the transloaded facility has a current compliance agreement with USDA. If not transloading, enter "N/A."
12. Indicate yes or no if the doors on the containers being used during shipment are solid and sealable.
13. Indicate yes or no if all openings in the containers being used during the shipment are protected by mesh screens. If there are no openings in the containers, enter "N/A."
14. Answer only if storage is necessary. If no storage is being used enter "N/A." If storage is being used, indicate yes or no if confirmation has been made with the storage facility that the facility can maintain the transiting cargo in a protected area to prevent loss or pilferage. Indicate "Yes" or "No" if the facility has a compliance agreement with USDA.
15. Enter the estimated time necessary to move the product from the point of entry into the United States to the port of exit.
16. Indicate the city and State of the port of exit from the United States.
17. The responsible person named in block 1 must sign the application.
18. Print your name legibly.
19. Enter the date the application was completed and signed.

**For any attachments, please type or print PPQ Form 586 with company name and contact name at the top of each page.**

Send the application by facsimile to 301-734-0572, or mail the completed application to:

USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Permit Services, 4700 River Road, Unit 136, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236.

Please call 1-877-770-5990 if you have any questions.