

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICES  
VETERINARY SERVICES

**ON-HOLD SHIPMENT NOTIFICATION  
APPLICATION**

This form is to be completed by customers that have been subject to an animal products or organism and vectors shipment being held or in quarantine by the USDA and/or the Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The on-hold processing fee associated with this application is non-refundable and does not expedite or guarantee release of shipment. For additional information contact the Veterinary Services, Strategy and Policy (VS, S&P) office at 301-851-3300.

**Instructions:** We strongly advise that this On-Hold Shipment Notification application (VS Form 16-79) be submitted on-line at:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-and-animal-product-import-information/animal-health-permits>.

Alternately, it may be submitted by email (preferably) to [APIE@usda.gov](mailto:APIE@usda.gov) or Fax to 301-851-2239. If more space is required, provide the information on a separate sheet and attach to the submission.

**The supporting documents listed below MUST accompany this application:**

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| 1. Veterinary Services Import Permit or Application ( <i>if applicable</i> ) | 4. Foreign Government Certificate, Manufacturers/Exporters Statement  |
| 2. Airway Bill/Bill of Lading/Courier Tracking Receipt                       | 5. Documents describing product processing prior to export to the U.S |
| 3. Invoice/Manifest  | 6. Copies of correspondence with the port regarding the shipment.     |

**Emergency Action Notification (EAN) issued:**  Yes or  No

If yes, contact the AQI VMO ([AQI VMO Contacts](#)); do not contact VS, S&P.

<b>1. CBP Agriculture Specialist (CBPAS) or USDA Inspector</b> Name:	<b>2. U.S. Importer/Consignee</b> Name:
Port City & State:	Company Name & Address:
Mode of Transport: <input type="checkbox"/> Air <input type="checkbox"/> Sea <input type="checkbox"/> Land	Phone Number:
Port Phone Number:	Fax Number:
Port Fax Number:	Email Address:
Email Address:	Broker Name & Phone Number:

**3. Description of Material Presently Detained at the Port of Entry**

Name of Product:	<b>If at airport</b> , airline and flight number:
Country of Origin:	Airway Bill (AWB) Number:
Country of Export:	<b>If at seaport</b> , Vessel name:
Date of Arrival:	Bill of Lading (BOL) Number:
Customs Entry Number (format: XXX – 9999999-9):	Container Number(s):
Courier Name:	<b>If at land port</b> , Tracking Number:

Reason shipment was put on hold:

Identify the animal origin ingredients/components including animal species (cow, sheep, horse, bird) and country of origin:

**4. Payment Method**

<input type="checkbox"/> User Fee Account Number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Number: Expiration Date (mm/yyyy):
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Signature:	Date:
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