

**DIRECTIONS FOR PACKAGING AND SHIPPING SOIL SAMPLES REGULATED FOR IMPORTATION UNDER PPQ FORM 525A (APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO RECEIVE SOIL) TO THE UNITED STATES.**

Unless otherwise instructed in the permit conditions, attach this BLACK/WHITE label (PPQ 550) securely using clear/transparent tape to the EXTERIOR of each shipping package. Packages without labels on the EXTERIOR may be refused entry even if the labels are enclosed.

Place on the EXTERIOR OF THE PACKAGE the name and address of shipper and a statement of the contents.

**THE LABEL WILL AUTHORIZE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING (NEVER BOTH)**

1) EACH HAND CARRY or BORDER CROSSING/SELF TRANSPORT EVENT WILL HAVE AUTHORIZATION AND GUIDANCE IN AN OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION TO U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION WITH THE NAMED PERSON AUTHORIZED TO HAND-CARRY.

2) AUTHORIZE A PACKAGE TO BE ROUTED DIRECTLY TO AN APPROVED SOIL FACILITY.

*The package may only contain materials authorized under the PPQ 525A Permit. It will be refused entry with possible civil penalties if unauthorized materials are included.*

DO NOT WRITE ON, MODIFY, OR DEFACE THESE LABELS. These labels cannot be reused or duplicated for additional shipments. Each individual label will have a distinctive barcode. Underlying packaging/wrapping must carry the address, a prepaid delivery waybill, carrier account number, or postage must be included and any other information required to direct the shipment to its final destination. USDA APHIS does not defray any additional shipping costs for transiting the shipment through a plant inspection station as the initial U.S. destination.

