

United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection & Quarantine 4700 River Road Riverdale, MD 20737

# **Permit to Import Plants and Plant Products** Regulated by 7 CFR 319 Subpart - Plants for Planting

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**DESIGNATED PORTS:** AZ, Nogales; CA, El Segundo; CA, San Diego; CA, South San Francisco; FL, Miami (Cargo, DHL, Fed Ex, UPS, etc ); FL, Miami (PO Box for US Postal Service only); FL, Orlando; GA, Atlanta; GU, Agana; HI, Honolulu; NJ, Linden; NY, Jamaica; PR, Carolina; TX, Humble; TX, Los Indios; WA, SeaTac; Ports other than those listed are not authorized

Under the conditions specified, this permit authorizes the following:				
Articles(Plant Parts) Arisaema spp.	<u>Countries of Origin</u> Netherlands (Holland)	<u>Plant Parts</u> Seed	Intended Use Small Lots of Seeds for Propagation	

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTORS

See permit conditions below

#### PERMIT CONDITIONS

This APHIS-issued import permit covers only compliance with APHIS regulations and requirements. Therefore, this permit does not reduce or eliminate the permittee's legal duty and responsibility to likewise comply with all other Federal and State regulatory requirements applicable to the commodity to be imported.

Certain genetically engineered plants and plant products regulated under 7 CFR part 340 may require a valid APHIS BRS Permit. Please call (301) 851-3886 or email Biotechquery@usda.gov for more information.

The importer or designee is responsible for confirming with CBP and PPQ at the destination

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port in advance of each shipment that CBP and PPQ has the capacity to clear or handle permitted air, land, and maritime cargo shipments, including bulk, mail, and express consignment shipments.

The permittee is the legal importer of an article and is responsible for complying with the permit conditions. The permittee must be at least 18 years of age and maintain an address in the United States that is specified on the permit. The permittee must be physically present during normal business hours at that address during any periods when articles are being imported or moved interstate under the permit; or if another legal entity, maintain an address or business office in the United States with a designated individual for service of process; and serve as the contact for the purpose of communications associated with the movement of the regulated article for the duration of the permit. Notify the Permit Unit of any change to the contact information within 10 business days.

This permit authorizes the importation of the listed articles, under the conditions specified below. A copy of this permit and conditions must accompany all shipments authorized under this permit.

Please note that the import requirements and approved commodities listed below are subject to change at any time during the duration of this permit. Please refer to the USDA-PPQ Port Program Manuals at

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\_export/plants/manuals/ports/index.shtml for the current import requirements for the commodities you are importing.

The shipment must be free from soil (unless authorized), prohibited plant materials and plant parts, other regulated foreign matter or debris, and quarantine living organisms such as parasitic plants, pathogens, insects, snails, and mites.

If official personnel find that the shipment requires treatment as a condition of entry, is contaminated with quarantine plant pests, is commingled with a prohibited plant material, or if required documentation is incomplete or missing, they will order the least drastic action, which could be approve treatment, re-exportation or destruction of a shipment, a portion of a shipment, or any other material associated with the shipment (i.e. pallets, packaging, means of conveyance), noncompliant shipments will be treated, re-exported or destroyed, at the consignee's expense.

If fumigation is required, and plastic wrappings such as cellophane, films, and shrink wrap; and papers that are waxed, laminated, or waterproofed are used for wrapping, these must be perforated, removed, or opened before fumigation. If wrappings are perforated to facilitate fumigation, holes should be at least 3/16-inch in diameter every 3 square inches or 1/4-inch in diameter every 4 inches over the entire surface of the wrapping.

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All Wood Packing Materials (WPM) with the shipment are subject to ISPM 15 treatment and IPPC stamp requirements.

Any person who violates the Plant Protection Act (PPA) of the United States, individuals or corporations who fail to comply with these conditions and authorizations, or who forge, counterfeit, or deface permits may be criminally or administratively prosecuted and found guilty of a misdemeanor which can result in penalties, a one-year prison term, or both. In addition, all current permits may be cancelled and future permit applications denied.

### 1. SMALL LOTS OF SEED PERMIT CONDITIONS

This permit authorizes small lots of seed, only of taxa that are generally admissible under current 7 CFR 319 Subpart - Plants for Planting regulations, to be imported without a phytosanitary certificate (PC), under all of the following conditions:

2. The seed must meet the following packaging and shipping requirements:

(i) A typed or legibly printed seed list/invoice accompanies each shipment with the name of the collector/shipper, the botanical names (at least to genus, preferably to species level) listed alphabetically, as well as the country of origin, and country shipped from, for each taxon. Each seed packet is clearly labeled with the name of the collector/shipper, the country of origin, and the scientific name at least to the genus, and preferably to the species level. The invoice/seed list may provide a code for each lot, which may be used on the seed packets in lieu of the full list of required information. In this case, each packet must at least include the appropriate code, which is referenced to the entry for that packet on the seed list/invoice.

(ii) There are a maximum of 50 seeds of 1 taxon (taxonomic category such as genus, species, cultivar, etc.) per packet; or a maximum weight not to exceed 10 grams of seed of 1 taxon per packet;

(iii) There are a maximum of 50 seed packets per shipment;

(iv) The seeds are free from pesticides;

(v) The seeds are securely packaged in packets or envelopes and sealed to prevent spillage [Note: we recommend that seeds are packed in resealable, clear plastic envelopes to facilitate inspection];

(vi) The shipment is free from soil, plant material other than seed, other foreign matter or debris, seeds in the fruit or seed pod, and living organisms such as parasitic plants, pathogens, insects, snails, mites; and

(vii) At the time of importation, the shipment is sent to an approved port of entry listed in the permit.

3. The following lists or categories of seeds may not be shipped under this permit:

(a) Federal noxious weed seeds:

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\_health/permits/organism/federal\_noxious\_weeds.shtml (b ) Parasitic plant seeds

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/permits/weeds/parasitic.htm

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(c) Seeds prohibited or restricted by special conditions in 7 CFR 319 regulations.

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import export/plants/plant imports/smalllots seed.shtml /

(d) Genetically modified seed regulated under 7 CFR 340

(e) Seeds that are pelleted, coated, or embedded in a growing media, seed tape, cloth, or similar materials

(f) Seeds that require treatment as a condition of entry per 7 CFR 319.37

4. Seeds regulated by the Federal Seed Act require additional labeling on the invoice and seed packets. Agricultural and vegetable seed requires kind, origin, variety, and lot designation.

5. If the permittee is commercially importing, exporting or reexporting Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) regulated plant material, they must obtain a USDA Protected Plant Permit in addition to this permit. CITES protected plants are listed on cites.org. CITES documentation must be obtained prior to importation and must accompany the shipment.

6. APHIS has the option to destroy partial or entire shipments if plant inspection station (PIS) personnel find that the imported seeds do not meet conditions listed above or cannot be treated for intercepted pests or pathogens. Noncompliant seed will not be returned to origin.

7. This permit must be utilized solely by the permittee. The permit must remain valid for the duration that plant materials are in the permittee's possession. If the permittee leaves the institution, a new individual who assumes responsibility for continued maintenance should obtain a permit prior to the permittee's departure. If any information changes (i.e. telephone number or address), the permittee must submit an amendment request immediately with the changes.

8. SHIPPING: Any article to be imported under this permit must arrive at a USDA PIS for inspection before being released to the consignee.

The package must bear a green and yellow shipping label showing the address of the PIS as well as the following information: general nature and quantity of the contents; country and locality where grown; name and address of shipper, owner, or person shipping or forwarding the article. The address of the PIS must be the only address appearing on the package exterior.

Underlying packaging/wrapping must carry the address, postage or billing information, and any other information required to direct the shipment to its final destination. USDA does not defray any additional shipping costs, such as those incurred by routing the shipment through a PIS.

9. GREEN AND YELLOW SHIPPING LABELS (PPQ Form 508): shipments that are to be sent through mail, express carrier, or passenger baggage require green and yellow labels to facilitate delivery to a PIS. The permittee can request labels through ePermits using the My Shipments/Labels feature, or by email at least five days in advance of the shipment's departure. Email requests are to be made through greenandyellowplantslabelrequest@usda.gov. All email requests must come from the permittee or appointee. All requests must include an approved PIS of choice and the total number of labels needed. Labels will be issued as a PDF file to the email

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address associated with the permit.

The label must be printed in color and attached with clear tape to the exterior of each package being imported under this permit. The permittee is responsible for supplying labels to the shipper and instructing the shipper to carefully follow all shipping instructions. Failure to do so may result in refused entry or destruction of the shipment. The permittee is responsible for each shipping label issued under this permit.

When Miami PIS is the destination: when requesting green and yellow labels for packages destined to the Miami PIS ONLY, specify if the shipper will be mailing the package through the U.S. Postal Service or through an Express Courier Service (such as DHL, FedEx, etc.). There is a separate address and corresponding label for each of those two pathways.

10. Hand carry through personal baggage without PIS inspection is not authorized under this permit. All shipments utilizing this permit must enter the United States through a USDA PIS via courier, parcel post, or air mail. All shipping costs are the responsibility of the permit holder.

## **END OF PERMIT CONDITIONS**

