



USDA FOREIGN SOIL

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has placed certain restrictions on the movement of soil to protect plants and animals. Soil can contain harmful bacteria, disease and plant viruses. The USDA regulates that "Soil from all foreign countries, U.S. territories and areas within states that are under Federal quarantine can be moved into or through the continental US only if conditions and safeguards prescribed by the US Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are met."

Midwest Laboratories maintains a USDA Soil Import Permit for compliance with the federal regulations (7CFR Part 330 and 7CFR 301). As part of the USDA Soil Import program, Stephanie Peterson, Director of Lab Operations, oversees Midwest Laboratories' compliance efforts for receiving non-sterilized foreign and domestic soil.

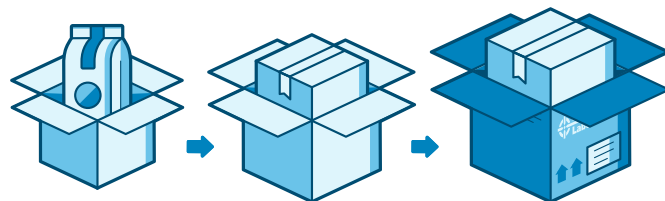
Adhering to sample collection and shipping requirements of foreign soil is imperative. Clients should confirm requirements are met with a Midwest Laboratories Account Manager prior to sample collection and shipping to ensure overall compliance with the USDA APHIS PPQ federal guidelines. It should be noted that soil from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands is handled as foreign soil. Specific requirements that must be taken when shipping foreign soils are listed below:

1. All shipments containing foreign-origin soil must meet the following requirements:
 - Soil must be shipped to:
Midwest Laboratories, 13611 B. Street, Omaha NE 68144



- Soil must be shipped with a copy of the PPQ 330 Permit to Receive Soil or the permit number (P330-20-00265). midwestlabs.com/resources/permits.aspx

- Soil must be shipped with a copy of the PPQ 550 form (Black/White Label) secured using clear/transparent tape to the exterior of each shipment.
 - Black and White Shipping Labels (PPQ Form 550) will be provided by request to Stephanie Peterson at speterson@midwestlabs.com or an Account Manager.
 - **Do not write on, modify, or deface labels.**
 - The labels are single use only, they cannot be reused or duplicated for additional shipments as each has a distinctive barcode.
 - No PPQ 550 labels are needed for shipments that originate in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.



- **All packages must consist of at least two inner packages and an outer shipping container securely sealed so that all prevent unauthorized loss of the regulated soil.** The innermost package must be sealed and adequate to withstand pressure, temperature, and other climatic conditions incidental to shipment. The outer container must be rigid and durable enough to remain sealed and structurally intact to endure typical shipping conditions.
 - All solid wood packing material (SWPM) accompanying the shipment must be in compliance with ISPM 15 treatment regulations and IPPC stamp requirements and enforcement. Noncompliant shipments will be treated, re-exported or destroyed.
- Soil must be shipped by commercial carrier to the port of entry and further movement to Midwest Laboratories by generally recognized commercial carrier.
- The shipment must be free from foreign matter or debris, plants and plant parts, and other macro-organisms, such as insects, cyst nematodes, mollusks and acari. Regulated material commingled with unauthorized material will be treated, seized, re-exported, or destroyed (in part or whole).

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2. The regulated material and shipping container(s) are subject to inspection by officials of the US. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and APHIS. CBP or APHIS officials may require the shipment to be treated, seized, re-exported, or destroyed (in part of whole). You may be responsible for any associated expenses.
3. Importing soil in personal baggage is not allowed by a PPQ 330 Permit to Receive Soil.
4. It is the responsibility of Stephanie Peterson, Director of Lab Operations, and Midwest Laboratories' Account Managers to notify shippers of these requirements.



Midwest Laboratories is one of the nation's leading laboratories analyzing soil, plant tissue, food, feed, petfood, fertilizer, wastewater, well water, and other sample matrices at our laboratory in Omaha, Nebraska for a diverse range of analytical parameters. Please contact Midwest Laboratories for assistance on your analytical testing needs.

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