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## **FOREIGN SOIL PACKAGING & SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **USDA-APHIS Requirements**

**Permit Number P525 P330-09-00039**

**Effective 02/20/09 EXPIRES 02/20/2012**

The following packaging and shipping criteria applies only to soil samples that originate outside the United States and are being shipped to the lab for the purpose of testing:

1. Each sample must be placed into a sturdy, leak proof container. Examples of these are: Poly lined bag inside of a zip-lock bag, with the top of the poly bag rolled down and fixed with the wire closure to prevent sifting or loss of sample. A container with a screw on lid is also acceptable. Shipping boxes must have an inner lining consisting of a plastic bag which contains a paper towel or other absorbent material.
2. The filled poly-lined soil bags are then placed into the plastic bag lining. Samples must be packed to prevent shifting in transport. The plastic bag must be closed to prevent the sifting or loss of sample should the poly-lined bag rupture.
3. A copy of the 'Permit to Receive Soil', Permit Number P330-09-00039 must be included in each shipping box, in its entirety. A copy of this permit will be provided. The permit can then be photocopied and used until the expiry date of 02/20/2012.
4. You must attach a PPQ Form 550 Black/White label to the exterior of each shipment being imported under this permit. These labels will be provided by the laboratory.
5. The address label should be addressed to Kevin Grooms, Olsen's Agricultural Lab, 210 East First Street, McCook, NE 69001. If preaddressed or UPS/ARS labels are used, write "Attn Kevin Grooms" on them.
6. Soil must be shipped by themselves. No other test or sample type can be packaged with the soil samples.
7. Samples originating outside Nebraska cannot be 'hand carried' to the lab.
8. Refer to Permit Number P526P-09-02769 Permit Conditions, Numbers 1 and 5, for site specific area restrictions and instructions for APHIS quarantined soils.