USDA APHIS issues permits for the import, transit and release of regulated animals, animal products, veterinary biologics, plants, plant products, pests, organisms, soil, and genetically engineered organisms.

1. DETERMINE YOUR PERMIT NEEDS
   - PPQ, Plant Protection and Quarantine: Soils, plants, arthropods, soils, pathogens, etc.
   - VS, Veterinary Services: Pathogens of livestock, poultry, and their derivatives.
   - BRS, Biotechnology Regulatory Services: Genetically modified plants, plant pests, and/or plant pathogens.
   - CVB, Center for Veterinary Biologics: Veterinary biologics for research and evaluation or transit shipment.

2. CREATE AN eAUTHENTICATION ACCOUNT
   USDA uses an electronic platform for application submission and status updates. You must create an account to apply.

3. COMPLETE THE IDENTITY VERIFICATION PROCESS

4. FOLLOW ePERMIT SYSTEM INSTRUCTIONS
   ePermits is a web-based system that allows users to submit import/interstate movement/transit/release permit applications, track applications, apply for renewals and amendments, and receive copies of their permits.

5. NOTIFY YOUR BIOSAFETY OFFICER
   If you plan to apply for a permit or if you are scheduled to have an inspection, let us know and we can assist you in preparing for it.
   EMAIL BIOSAFE@EMORY.EDU

Questions? Contacting USDA APHIS is the fastest way to resolve questions.