

## USDA Guidelines for Importation #1102

### Feline and Canine Material:

INCLUDING: blood, tissues, serum, feces, extracts, fluids, canine semen for research purposes  
NOT INCLUDING: cell cultures, tissue cultures, cell culture products, canine semen for reproductive purposes

### Introduction:

Material derived from any animal is potentially subject to U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) regulations and must be cleared by USDA inspectors at the port of arrival before entry into the United States is authorized. A USDA import permit is required for animal material that may pose a risk of introducing exotic animal diseases into the United States. However, material from cats and dogs that have not been inoculated with or exposed to any livestock or poultry disease agents may enter the country without USDA restrictions.

### Procedures:

A USDA import permit will not be required for cat and dog material **IF** the following is provided in the shipping documents:

1. An identification of the material as feline or canine.
2. A written declaration indicating the material does not contain any other animal derived material (ie. from livestock or poultry).
3. A written declaration stating the material was NOT derived from cats and dogs which were inoculated with or exposed to any infectious agents of agricultural concern.

This information must be supplied as ORIGINAL statements on producer/shipper letterhead in a clear and concise manner, and be available for review by the USDA Inspector at the port of arrival. We recommend that a separate memo or letter be included with the shipping documents, such as a U.S. Customs declaration and invoice. Do not put documents INSIDE shipping containers.

Please instruct your **shippers** to provide this information.

If the above information is not supplied, the shipment may be subject to delays. If the material to be imported cannot meet these criteria, then a USDA import permit may be required.

For couriers requiring a written declaration in the "Shipment Information" section, write:

Diagnostic specimen, not restricted, packed in compliance with IATA packing instruction 650  
"UN3373 - Biological Substance, Category B"

US Customs required that ALL international shipments have 2 written declarations specifying the contents of the package. One should be secured to the outside of the package and the other should be inserted inside the package. Please copy the following statements onto a piece of paper (just as it appears here) and make sure to sign and date this declaration.

**THIS PACKAGE CONTAINS – MEDICAL PROBES – NON-RESTRICTED**

Regarding USDA Guidelines of Importation #1102 Feline and Canine Material I understand that the USDA import permit is not required for this canine material since I can provide the following true statements.

- The material in this shipment is canine (dog) tissue/blood.
- This material does not contain any other animal derived material (ie. From livestock or poultry).
- This material was NOT derived from cats and/or dogs which were inoculated with or exposed to any infectious agents of agricultural concern.

I declare that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:

Print name:

Date:

# Commercial Invoice

<b>Date</b>		<b>Tracking #</b>				
<b>Shipper Name</b>		<b>Consignee Name</b> University of Minnesota				
<b>Contact Person</b>		<b>Contact Person</b> Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory				
<b>Street Address</b>		<b>Street Address</b> 1333 Gortner Ave				
<b>City</b>	<b>Postal Code</b>	<b>City</b> St. Paul	<b>Postal Code</b> 55108			
<b>Country</b>	<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Country</b> USA	<b>Email Address</b> vdl@umn.edu			
<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Fax Number</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b> 800-605-8787	<b>Fax Number</b> 612-624-8707			
<b>Tax ID Number (EIN)</b>	<b>Exporting Carrier:</b>	<b>Tax ID Number (i.e. EIN,VAT)</b>	<b>Incoterms</b>			
<b>Other Information. (i.e. ITN #)</b>	<b>Total # of Pieces</b>	<b>Total Gross Weight in Kilos</b>		<b>AWB #</b>		
<b>Complete Commodity Description</b>		<b>HTS, Schedule B</b>	<b>Country of Origin</b>	<b>Quantity, Unit of Measure</b>	<b>Unit Price USD \$</b>	<b>Total Price USD \$</b>
Canine Non-infectious blood sample for diagnostic purpose.					\$1	\$1
I/we hereby certify that the information on this invoice is true and correct and that the contents of this shipment are as stated above.		<b>Subtotal (USD \$)</b>				
		<b>Freight Cost</b>				
		<b>Insurance Cost</b>				
		<b>Total Invoice Value (USD \$)</b>				
<b>Signature and Title of Authorized Person</b>		<b>Date</b>	These commodities, technology, or software were exported from _____ for ultimate destination in the United States of America in accordance with export administration regulations. Diversion contrary to U.S. law is prohibited.			