

HOW TO SHIP SAMPLES FROM OUTSIDE USA

1. Email eggl-muscledis@umn.edu with the subject line **“Import Permit Needed”** to request access to the import permit if you are sending samples from outside the United States of America.
2. Print all documents you received from eggl-muscledis@umn.edu. *Please do not share the import permit.*
3. Fill out the **“Material Verification Form”** attached at the end of the import permit document. This is for the United States Customs to review with the permit.
4. Fill out our [University of Minnesota USDA Cover Letter](#). This is for the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory to know what is in the shipment and who to contact upon package arrival.
5. Fill out the sample submission sheets for your [affected horse](#) and [unaffected horse](#).
6. Staple or paperclip all these documents together in this order: UMN USDA cover letter, import permit, material verification form, and sample submission sheets. *Make sure these documents are visible when the package is opened.*

NOTE: To collect samples, follow instructions outlined in [“How to Collect Hair Roots or Blood Samples”](#) document:

- Blood samples should be placed in a secondary container so the paperwork is not damaged by the cold packs.
- Hair roots in paper envelopes should be placed in a small box or large envelope with the paperwork.

Shipping Address for International Samples:

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