

Bee Disease Diagnostic Samples Originating from Canada

Bee disease diagnostic samples are accepted from Canada as authorized by a USDA APHIS PPQ permit. The permit has very specific requirements (listed below) that must be followed. Samples sent that do not meet the permit conditions will be returned or destroyed. For more information about sending samples, contact I. Barton Smith, Jr. at Bart.Smith@ars.usda.gov or 301-504-8821.

Submission/Shipment Protocol

1. Samples from Canada will only be accepted from Provincial Apiary Inspectors. Individual beekeepers wanting to send samples should submit them through their provincial inspector.
2. A red and white USDA APHIS PPQ shipping label must be attached to the OUTSIDE FACE of the sample package. (This label is in addition to your FedEx, Purolator, or UPS shipping label.) (Do not make copies of the USDA shipping label. They are numbered and can only be used one time.)
 - a. You must request a USDA APHIS PPQ shipping label be sent to you in advance of sending your package. Contact Bart Smith to obtain this label.
3. Your FedEx, Purolator, or UPS shipping label on the outside of the sample package must
 - a. be addressed to:
NATIONAL PLANT GERMPLASM
INSPECTION STATION
USDA APHIS PPQ
BLDG 580, BARC-EAST
BELTSVILLE, MD 20705
USA
301-504-8141
 - b. include your return address, and
 - c. state the contents of the package – Samples for research, diagnostic specimens, smear or comb (list smear, comb or both depending on what is being submitted).
4. Inside the package of each shipment
 - a. include a letter or data sheet. This should include your name and address and info about the samples that you are sending, and
 - b. include a “final destination sheet” (a copy of page 2 of this document).
5. All samples must be at least double-packed and adequately packaged to prevent the escape/leakage of the enclosed samples.

Final Destination Sheet

Include this page inside your package that contains bee disease diagnostic samples submitted from Canada.

PERMIT NO. P526P-13-00672

The red and white USDA APHIS PPQ shipping label
is **label No.** _____

Final Destination

Send by interdepartmental mail to:

**I. BARTON SMITH, JR.
301-504-8821
USDA-ARS
BEE RESEARCH LABORATORY
BUILDING 306, ROOM 316, BARC-E
BELTSVILLE MD 20705**