












U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

Regulated Biological Materials

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and partner government agencies regulate the importation of biological materials that can pose a threat to agriculture, public health, and natural resources.

Regulated biological materials can include:

-  Cell and Tissue Cultures
-  Diagnostic Specimens
-  Genetic Materials
-  Genetically Modified Organisms
-  Human and Veterinary Products
-  Infectious Substances
-  Microorganisms
-  Select Agents and Toxins
-  Vectors and Hosts

Per CBP regulations, all biological materials must be declared by providing an oral declaration or by using a self-service kiosk, mobile application, or CBP Form 6059B. The CBP inspection process may be expedited by scheduling an appointment via the CBP One™ mobile application. For more information, visit [CBP.gov/about/mobile-apps-directory/cbpone](https://www.cbp.gov/about/mobile-apps-directory/cbpone).



Importers are responsible for knowing the packaging, placarding, labeling, and documentation requirements.

For more information, visit [CBP.gov/biologicals](https://www.cbp.gov/biologicals).

