

Regulated Biological Materials



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

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

Per CBP regulations, 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. Visit [CBP.gov/about/mobile-apps-directory/cbpone](https://www.cbp.gov/about/mobile-apps-directory/cbpone) for more information.

Importers are responsible for knowing the packaging, placarding, labeling, and documentation requirements. For more information, visit [CBP.gov/biologicals](https://www.cbp.gov/biologicals).

