

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
4700 River Road  
Riverdale, MD 20737

**Permit to Receive Soil**  
**Regulated by 7 CFR 330**

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<b>PERMITTEE NAME:</b>	Mr. Jeff Loewe	<b>PERMIT NUMBER:</b>	P330-09-00121
<b>COMPANY:</b>	Microbac Laboratories, Inc.	<b>APPLICATION NUMBER:</b>	P525-090518-002
<b>RECEIVING ADDRESS:</b>	250 West 84th Drive Merrillville, IN 46410	<b>DATE ISSUED:</b>	06/24/2009
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b>	250 West 84th Drive Merrillville, IN 46410		
<b>PHONE:</b>	(219) 769-8378	<b>EXPIRES:</b>	<b>06/24/2012</b>
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**PORTS OF ARRIVAL/PLANT INSPECTION STATIONS:** Various Ports of Entry Staffed by CBP-Agriculture Inspection

**HAND CARRY:** No

Under the conditions specified, this permit authorizes the following:


**Quantity of Soil per Shipment and Treatment**

Over 3 lbs

**PERMIT CONDITIONS**


1. This permit is issued only for Jeff Loewe, the named permit holder with Microbac Laboratories Inc. located at 250 West 84th Dr, Merrillville, IN 46410. This permit cannot be transferred or assigned nor does it fulfill or modify the requirements of any other federal or state regulatory authority (such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or your state's Department of Agriculture).
2. The permit holder verifies United States residency by initialing and accepting these permit conditions. If you are not a United States resident, it is unlawful for you to initial or accept these permit conditions because a USDA 525 Soil Permit can only be issued to United States residents.
3. The permit holder is solely responsible for ensuring compliance with all statutory requirements and specifically listed permit conditions. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit is cause for the following: (a) cancellation of this permit, (b) cancellation of other permits issued to the permit holder, (c) seizure and/or destruction of regulated soil, (d) denial of future permit applications by this permit holder, (e) liability for civil penalties, and (f) criminal prosecution under provisions in the Plant Protection Act.

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4. Any alteration, forgery, unauthorized use of this permit and/or associated Federal Forms are subject to civil and criminal penalties including fines and imprisonment.
5. The permit holder must maintain a valid permit so long as the soil is in your possession. The permit holder must safeguard and dispose of the soil during the term of this permit. This permit cannot be extended. A new permit is required for uninterrupted authorization/use of regulated soil after this permit expires.
6. The permit holder must maintain an official permanent work assignment at the address identified on this permit. If the permit holder ceases assignment/affiliation at the address identified on this permit, or personnel circumstances change in any way, then a compliance officer must be notified at the PPQ permit unit immediately (that is, within one business day) by either (a) email to pest.permits@aphis.usda.gov, (b) fax to 301-734-4300 or 8700, or (c) conventional mail to USDA PPQ Permit Unit, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD 20737. The permit holder must destroy all regulated soil prior to departure unless the permit holder either (a) requests cancellation of this permit and complies with all permit-specific termination conditions, (b) applies for and receives a permit to move the soil to a new facility, or (c) relinquishes control of the regulated soil to a qualified individual who obtained a permit for the continued use of these regulated soil prior to this permit holder's departure. {rsj 04/08}
7. Without prior notice and during reasonable hours, authorized PPQ and/or State regulatory officials shall be allowed to inspect the conditions associated with the regulated article authorized under this permit.
8. This permit authorizes the importation of soil under the conditions specified below. Upon arrival into the United States, the articles, shipping container(s) and paperwork are subject to inspection by officials from Customs and Border Protection, Agriculture Inspection (CBP-AI) and USDA, APHIS, Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ).
9. Any person who unloads, lands or otherwise brings or moves into or through the United States any regulated plants, plant products, plant pests, soil or other products or articles in violation of the regulations will be subject to prosecution under applicable provisions of the law.
10. All foreign cargo of agricultural interest is inspected at the first port of arrival or the first port of unloading. If a shipment arrives at a port that lacks the official/personnel necessary to do the proper inspection and/or treatment, the shipment must be transferred by a bonded carrier to a nearest station staffed with proper CBP-AI or PPQ Officials at the expense of the permit holder. All subsequent movement, transfers and/or transloading, must be approved by CBP-AI.
11. A copy of this permit must accompany all shipments authorized under this permit.
12. The soil must be shipped in sturdy, leak-proof containers.
13. CBP-AI and PPQ have the authority to order and approve treatment, re-exportation or destruction of a shipment, a portion of a shipment or any other material associated with the shipment (i.e. pallets, packaging, means of conveyance). If an official of CBP-AI or PPQ determines that the shipment requires treatment as a condition of entry, is contaminated with a quarantine plant pest or pests, is commingled with prohibited plant material or the required documentation is incomplete or missing, then that official may order and approve treatment, re-exportation or destruction of a shipment, a portion of a shipment or any other material associated with the shipment (i.e. pallets, packaging, means of conveyance).
14. The shipment must be free from foreign matter or debris, plants, noxious weed seeds and living organisms such as parasitic plants, pathogens, insects, snails and mites. Material found to be commingled with unauthorized material will be subject to the same action (i.e. re-export, destruction) as unauthorized material.

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15. All solid wood packing material (SWPM) accompanying the shipment must be in compliance with ISPM 15 treatment regulations and IPPC stamp requirements and enforcement. Noncompliant shipments will be treated, re-exported or destroyed at the consignee's expense.
16. All costs and arrangements for safeguarding and transportation of the cargo are the responsibility of the importer, broker or other parties associated with the shipment.
17. The shipment can be released without treatment at the port of entry to the permittee's address listed on the permit or label or to an authorized user only if the final destination is an approved facility listed at <https://web01.aphis.usda.gov/PPQ/AuthSoilLabs.nsf/web?openform>.
18. Further distribution of soil is not allowed without prior approval from the State and Federal Regulatory Officials. Soil is to be used strictly for analysis within a laboratory at Microbac Laboratories, Inc. located in Merrillville, IN.
19. Upon receipt, all soil samples will remain within the approved soil laboratory identified on this permit. Laboratory access is restricted to individuals authorized by the permit holder.
20. This permit does not authorize the use of soil for growing purposes and for isolation or culture of organisms.
21. All unconsumed soil, containers and effluent is to be autoclaved, incinerated or properly sterilized by the permittee at the conclusion of the project as approved and prescribed by PPQ in the compliance agreement.
22. This permit is valid for shipments of soil not heat treated at the port of entry only if a Compliance Agreement (PPQ Form 519) has been completed and signed.
23. This permit authorizes importation of soil into the United States from [designated foreign sources] through U.S. ports of entry staffed by a United States Department of Homeland Security Customs and Border Protection Agricultural Specialist.
24. You must attach a PPQ Form 550 Black/White label to the exterior of each shipment being imported under this permit. We will send you the PPQ Form 550 Black/White labels upon issuance of this permit (i.e., a signed PPQ permit) by bonded courier.  
You may request additional labels by email at:  
[Redandwhitelabelrequest@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:Redandwhitelabelrequest@aphis.usda.gov). You must specify the type of label you are requesting, PPQ Form 550 Black/White labels, and the number of labels needed.

You must enclose the following supplemental information with each shipment:

- Permittee Name
- Permit number

**END OF PERMIT CONDITIONS**

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