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FAX: 404-718-2093RE: Informational letter concerning your U.S. PHS import permit application for
Non-infectious tissue and dried bone marrow from humans.

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The Public Health Service Foreign Quarantine Regulations (42 C.F.R. 71.54) govern the importation of etiological agents, hosts, and vectors of human disease into the United States. A permit issued by this office is required for such importations.

A U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) import permit is not required for non-infectious materials (e.g., formalin-fixed specimens, tissues or slides), or human or animal diagnostic specimens such as blood, urine, tissues in which there is no evidence or indication that such materials contain an infectious agent. Genomic material that does not encode for infectious and/or replication competent forms of an etiological agent of human disease do not require a U.S. PHS permit. Please note that specimens from humans may be subject to the Bloodborne Pathogens Standard (29 C.F.R. 1910.1030) and that specimens from animals may require a permit from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Telephone: 301-734-3277). Biological products and biological waste regulated by other Federal agencies may not require a permit.

To facilitate clearance of materials that do not require a U.S. PHS Import Permit, it is recommended that each shipment of this material be accompanied by a signed statement, on official letterhead, from the person responsible for the shipment of this material with the following information:

- (1) A description of the material;
- (2) A statement that this material meets one of the above criteria (e.g., this material is not known or suspected to contain an etiological agent, host, or vector of human disease); and,
- (3) Verification that it has been packaged, labeled, and transported in accordance with all applicable regulations. Note that other permits may be required (e.g., USDA).

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