

How to apply for an APHIS notification to “move” (interstate) and “release” (grow outside in the field) transformed maize lines.

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An APHIS notification is required for interstate movement (USA) and for release (growing outside) of maize seeds and plants. Please note, this is a complex process, you will need lots of patience, but once you go through the whole thing once it gets easier, sort of like filing taxes! After submitting, you should get the notification in ~ 4-6 weeks.

1. go to http://www.aphis.usda.gov/permits/login_epermits.shtml

If you haven't already, you will need to register for epermits. There are 2 “levels”; level 1 is much easier to obtain and works fine for notifications. If you really want to get an APHIS “permit”, rather than a “notification”, you will need to get level 2 certification.

Once you have logged in to ePermits you should get to

<https://epermits.aphis.usda.gov/epermits/index.cfm?ACTION=applicantHome>

This shows all of your applications and you can print or copy from there. If starting a new application you need to “create application”

Then on the next 4-5 pages, select....

“BRS”,

“Notification”,

“No”, This is NOT an application to move or import select agents, the genes expressing select agents, or the toxins made by the select agents,

“web form entry”

“Yes” I will sign

“No” to CBI unless you want to protect your identity, (these forms become public records).

Then you are in the system and you have to fill out all of the info. I strongly recommend you have an application from me or from a colleague to use as a template. Also you should try to find someone in your institution who has done this before and get a copy of theirs; you will need to find some specific info- such as GPS address, whether your field has any endangered species, etc.