Animal Pathogen/Product Import
Importing “Animal” Pathogens from Outside Canada

1) Permits are not required for Risk Group 1 materials. If the material is deemed to be non-pathogenic, a courtesy notice may be obtained from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to facilitate customs clearance.

2) If a permit is required from the CFIA* (a division of Agriculture Canada), please go to the CFIA website at http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/for/mpppe.shtml#C5083 and scroll to form number 5083 where you can download the “Application for Permit to Import”.

3) Complete the three-page “Facility Certification for the Importation of Animal Pathogens” located on the same webpage noted above, and have it reviewed and signed by the SFU Biosafety Officer.

4) Select the appropriate checklist and complete it. Complete only one of either the “Inspection Checklist – Animal Pathogen Containment Level 2 Laboratories” or “Inspection Checklist – Animal Pathogen Containment Level 2 Animal Facilities (for work with small animals)”. Have the checklist reviewed and signed by the Biosafety Officer. This item may not be required if previously completed for the specific room within the previous two years.

5) Fax the three forms “Application for Permit to Import”, “Facility Certification for the Importation of Animal Pathogens”, and either the “Inspection Checklist – Animal Pathogen Containment Level 2 Laboratories”, or “Inspection Checklist – Animal Pathogen Containment Level 2 Animal Facilities (for work with small animals)” to the CFIA at 613-228-6129.

6) CFIA will process your request and mail the permit to you. If you would also like the permit faxed to you write, “Please also fax permit”. CFIA will notify you of any required changes to your permit request.

7) Send a copy of your import permit to the Biosafety Officer.

8) Since the supplier of the pathogen will require a copy of your import permit, fax or mail them a copy of the permit. Keep the original for your

If you have questions or concerns, you are welcome to contact EHS.

*If the organism affects both humans AND animals, then a human pathogen importation permit from Public Health Agency Canada may also be required.