

SAFETYCAST IN A MINUTE: QPSO

[NIH Logo in Center]

Welcome to Safetycasts in a Minute presented to you by the National Institutes of Health.

[Center: Petri dish labeled “Pathogens.” Top left: Bottle labeled “Toxins.” Top right: DNA strand labeled “Genetic material.” Lower left: Tube labeled “Tissue samples.” Lower right: Mosquito labeled “Vectors.”]

Do you want to send or receive biological material?

You should know the Federal government manages the transport of a wide variety of biological materials commonly used in research.

[Petri dish expands to full screen. Globe replaces petri dish in center. Heading top center: “Quarantine Permit Service Office.” “Import” left of globe with right arrow, “Transfer” below globe center, “Export” right of globe with right arrow.]

The NIH Quarantine Permit Service Office - QPSO - is your resource to help you navigate complex requirements for the import, transfer or export of biological research materials.

Contact QPSO if you intend to import or export any biological material, even if you don't consider it infectious.

[Heading top center continues. Telephone booth on left with number “301-496-2960” centered below. Computer on right with “qpso@mail.nih.gov” on the screen.]

You can do this by calling 301-496-2960 or by sending an email to qpso@mail.nih.gov.

[Tabletop spinning wheel with “QPSO” at top. Wedges are “Public Health,” “Agriculture,” “Wildlife,” and “Export.”]

A QPSO officer will answer your questions and guide you through the relevant application procedures to help you get the correct permits for your biological material.

[Laboratory with male researcher in center, exclamation point over head. Clock on wall right of researcher. Clock hands spin one hour and researcher points to clock. Exclamation point becomes lightbulb and researcher opens arms.]

So, if you have important research to do and need that special sample sooner rather than later, save time and stress by contacting QPSO.

[Laboratory and researcher out. Lightbulb appears in lit theater sign. Theater sign lights up with “Awards Ceremony” and stage with curtains appear. Curtain lifts and researcher on center stage holding a trophy.]

We'll help you get the permits you need so you can spend more time pursuing high quality research and achieving your research goals.

[Beams from left to right to “Division of,” “Occupational,” “Health and,” “Safety.” Bottom center: “National Institutes of Health – Office of Research Services,” “301-496-2960 or visit <http://go.usa.gov/xX9f7>.”

For information on this or other NIH Safety Programs, contact the Division of Occupational Health and Safety at 301-496-2960 or online at <http://go.usa.gov/xX9f7>.