

Port of Chicago – Pipeline

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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

Pipeline 19-07

TO: Customhouse Brokers, Importers and Others Concerned

SUBJECT: U.S. Public Health Service Importation Requirements

Purpose

This pipeline advises the trade community of the local contact information for the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS) at the Area Port of Chicago.

Scope

The U.S. Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), has regulations under 42 CFR Part 71 that pertain to importations that may contain pathogens potentially infectious to humans. The following is the list of items for which CDC will inspect both the airway bill and accompanying documentation to ascertain compliance with federal regulations:

- Regulated live animals:
 - Domestic dogs and cats, non-human primates, bats, civets, African rodents, certain snail species, large shipments (>6) of turtles (including tortoises, terrapins, and viable turtle eggs) with shell lengths of less than 4 inches.
- Animal products (including hunting trophies) of regulated animal species
- Human remains (whole body or portion of body intended for interment)
- Bushmeat derived from primate or African rodents
- Tissue, blood, and bodily fluids specimens from humans and regulated animal species
- Infectious biological agents and cultures of pathogenic organisms, such as bacteria and viruses
- Other etiologic agents and vectors including living insects associated with disease transmission, such as mosquitos and ticks

Background

Recently, USPHS management has changed within the Area Port of Chicago. The Area Port of Chicago received requests from the trade community for an update to the previous Pipeline with a reminder of USPHS requirements and contact information.

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Action

The Acting Area Officer in Charge for USPHS CDC is Erin Rothney and the assistant Officer in Charge is Derek R. Sakris. The general office telephone number is (773) 894-2960 and the fax number is (773) 894-2970. After hours response is available for emergencies through the same phone number. The USPHS CDC local hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please be aware that in many instances, the clearance process requires only a fax. However, include all the necessary documentation: copy of airway bill, CDC permit if required, list of animal species, etc. CDC will then either call you for further information or stamp the documents authorizing the entry of these items and fax that airway bill back to you.

Please refer any questions concerning this pipeline to Chief Mark Grzeszkowiak at (847) 928-2759.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Panetta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Larry Panetta
Acting Area Port Director
Area Port of Chicago