



**Licence for the introduction into and movement within England of prohibited soil for chemical and physical analysis**

**Licence No: 52692/198571-3**

1. This licence is issued for the purposes of plant health legislation only and provides no authority in respect of any other matters, e.g. in relation to human or animal health. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that he/she complies with any other relevant regulations and requirements in addition to those relating to plant health.

2. The Authorisation (hereafter referred to as a licence) is granted by the Secretary of State of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (hereafter referred to as 'the Secretary of State') pursuant to Article 5 of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/829 for the purposes of Article 8 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031. The Secretary of State hereby authorises:

Envirolab  
Units 7-8 Sandpits Business Park  
Three Hills  
Mottram Road  
Hyde  
Greater Manchester  
SK14 3AR

(the licence holder) to introduce into, move within, hold and multiply the prohibited soil specified in Annex 1 ("the material"), subject to the limitations and conditions set out below. The material may be obtained or landed directly in England from the sources stated in Annex 1.

**Validity**

3. This licence is valid from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.  
This licence is valid until the date shown in box 11 of the attached Letter of Authority. Renewal of the letter of authority takes place on a yearly basis and is subject to satisfactory completion of the annual contact. The Plant Health and Seeds Inspector (PHSI) of the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) must be satisfied that the conditions of the authorisation of this licence are being met and that there is an ongoing requirement for holding the authorised material listed in Annex 1. If these conditions are not met the licence may be revoked.

**Person(s) responsible**

4. The person(s) responsible for the material and under whose direct supervision it shall be kept is:

Mr J. Gustafson

**Containment facilities**

5. The material covered by this licence shall be held and used in:

Unit 2/3 and Unit 7/8 at the above address.

**Letter of Authority**

6. All consignments imported under the terms of the authorisation in this licence must be accompanied by the Letter of Authority provided with this licence. This Letter of Authority allows multiple introductions of the specified material and is valid for the period indicated on the Letter of Authority.

**Precautions during transit**

7. Any material imported under the terms of the authorisation in this licence or obtained from other authorised sources in the United Kingdom must be conveyed directly from the place of landing or authorised establishment providing them, to the containment facilities authorised in this licence.

8. During transit to or from, and between, the:

- site
- containment facilities
- destruction facilities

The soil shall be contained in three layers of containment, these should be secure, closed containers, and where practical at least one should be shatterproof.

## Standard Operating Procedures

9. Standard Operating Procedures for the handling, containment of the soil must be maintained and read by all personnel authorised to enter the facilities. These procedures should be available for inspection by PHSI.

## Notification

10. In the event of the discovery on the authorised premises of any non-indigenous plant pest or pathogen not already covered by a plant health licence for their premises, the licence holder must in accordance with Article 62 (2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 take appropriate action based on the contingency plan and immediately notify the PHSI.

11. The licence holder must maintain records in accordance with article 62(3) or regulation (EU) 2016/2031. Records must be kept of the following information:

- a) The personnel authorised to work with licensed material
- b) Visitors accessing the authorised facilities
- c) Authorised material entering or leaving the facilities
- d) The place of origin of all authorised material
- e) Observations concerning the presence of pests associated with the authorised material or within or in the immediate vicinity of the authorised facilities

These records must be made available to PHSI on request and must be maintained for at least 3 years.

12. The licence holder must notify the PHSI when the activities to which the authorisation in this licence relates are completed and the soil has been destroyed.

13. The authority given by the authorisation in this licence shall be acknowledged and the licence number of the authorisation quoted in all publications relating to work with the soil.

## Inspection

14. The licence holder shall permit a PHSI to inspect the conditions under which the soil is kept. Records as required in paragraph 11 must be made available on request during the inspection.

15. If so required by the PHSI, by written notice, the licence holder must destroy or treat the soil at the licence holder's own expense and risk, within such period and in such manner as may be specified in the notice.

## Containment

16. All the activities relating to the keeping and use of the soil covered by the authorisation in this licence must be confined within secure containment facilities. Except for destruction and disposal purposes, the soil must not be removed from the containment facilities without written permission from the PHSI.

17. Access to the containment facilities shall be restricted to the licence holder and personnel authorised by them.

18. The licence holder must take all necessary precautions, as discussed and agreed in writing with the PHSI, to prevent dissemination of the material from the containment facilities.

## Sending authorised material to other persons or organisations

19. The material covered by the authorisation in this licence may be sent to persons or organisations in England and Wales who hold a current Defra licence providing written agreement has first been obtained from the APHA. Material may also be sent to persons or organisations overseas (for the purposes of licensing this includes Scotland and Northern Ireland) who have authority from their national plant health authorities to receive such material.

## Destruction of soil and waste

20. On arrival of the material at the licence holder's premises, all accompanying packing material, any discarded materials and any extraneous soil must be destroyed according to the procedures described in paragraph 21.

21. When the activities for which the soil is required are complete, the samples and any associated material must be treated as follows:

- a) i) Incinerated

or

- ii) Autoclaved. 121°C (15psi) must be maintained in the centre of the load for a minimum of 30 minutes. If available, probes are to be used to monitor temperature and vacuuming or "free steaming" used to reduce the amount of air in the load. The autoclave must be loaded so as to comply with the manufacturers' instructions.

- b) Following incineration or autoclaving the material is not subject to licensed conditions, but should be disposed of at an authorised landfill or similar disposal site.

22. All equipment and containment facilities used while working with the soil must be disinfected after use with an approved disinfectant as required in the standard operating procedures.

**Revocation/variation**

23. This licence may be varied or revoked by the Secretary of State of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, at any time.

Signed and Dated: **14<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

A rectangular stamp containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. McCormack".

**JAMIE MCCORMACK**

For and on behalf of the Secretary of State of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

**Licence for the introduction into and movement within England of prohibited soil for chemical and physical analysis****Licence No: 52692/198571-3****1. The material covered by the authorisation in this licence is:**

Soil

From: All countries

Quantity: Not more than 100 kg per consignment

**2. The work to be undertaken is:**

Chemical and physical analysis of a range of contaminant substances within soils (e.g. heavy metals).

**3. Special precautions:**

- 1) Plants must not be grown in the imported samples
  - 2) No living organisms (including micro-organisms) are to be isolated from the soil.
  - 3) Only soil samples which have been pre-prepared for analysis prior to importation may be imported
  - 4) Activities which would result in the production of dust or aerosols are not permitted to take place under the terms of this licence.
  - 5) Soil, associated packaging material and other contaminated items (e.g. pipettes) may be sent off site for incineration, provided the following conditions are met:
    - a) The contractor undertaking the incineration must have an appropriate waste disposal licence from the local authority.
    - b) All soil sent for off-site incineration remains the sole responsibility of the licensee until it has been appropriately destroyed.
    - c) The soil must be packaged appropriately before transport and must be transported directly to the incinerator.
    - d) The soil must be incinerated immediately upon arrival at the incinerator (within 48 hours) – it cannot be stored for incineration at a later date.
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**PHSI can be contacted at:**

CIT  
APHA  
Foss House  
Kings Pool  
1-2 Peasholme Green  
York  
YO1 7PX

**Email:** [planthealthlicence@apha.gov.uk](mailto:planthealthlicence@apha.gov.uk)**Your local Plant Health and Seeds Inspector can be contacted at:**

**Tel:** 07767 357272  
**Email:** Ben.Pye@apha.gov.uk

**Licence for the introduction into and movement within England of prohibited soil for chemical and physical analysis****Licence No: 52692/198571-3****Personnel and Qualifications**

John Gustafson	MSc
Michael Knight	BSc
Jacob Taylor	
Philip Thelwell	
Jonathan Dixon	

<p>1. Name, address, email address and phone number of Consignor/Plant protection organization of the Third country of origin</p>	<p><b>Letter of Authority</b></p> <p>for the introduction into England of pests, plants, plant products and other objects for scientific or educational purposes, trials, varietal selection or breeding (issued under Articles 8 and 48(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/829)</p>	
<p>2. Name, address, email address and phone number of person responsible for the specified activities</p> <p>Mr J Gustafson  Envirolab, Units 7-8 Sandpits Business Park  Three Hills  Mottram Road  Hyde  Greater Manchester  SK14 3AR</p>	<p>3. Name of the responsible official body</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)</b></p>	
<p>4. Name and address of the Confinement facility/Quarantine station</p> <p>Unit 2/3 and Unit 7/8 at the above address.</p>	<p>5. Declared point of entry for material introduced from a third country</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Great Britain</p>	
<p>6. Scientific name(s) when appropriate, or name of the specified material, including scientific name of the specified pest concerned:</p> <p>Soil  From: All Countries</p>	<p>7. Quantity of specified material</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Not more than 100 kg per consignment</p>	
<p>8. Type of specified material</p> <p>Licence for the introduction and movement of prohibited soil for chemical and physical analysis.</p>		
<p>9. Packaging and movement conditions</p>		
<p>10. Additional declaration</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This specified material is moved into and within Great Britain territory under Commission Articles 48 (1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/829</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>and Defra plant health Licence no 52692/198571-3</b></p>		
<p>11. Additional information</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Valid from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021</b></p>		
<p>12. Multiple sendings (Yes/no)</p> <p>If Yes:</p> <p>Date of issuance: Valid from 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021</p> <p>Reference number of the sending:</p> <p>Number of sendings and quantity per sending of specified material:</p>	<p>13. Final Use:</p>	
<p>14. Endorsement by the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of the Third country of origin of the specified material.</p> <p>Place of endorsement:</p> <p>Date:</p> <p>Signature of authorised officer:</p> <p>Name in BLOCK LETTERS:</p>	<p>15. Stamp of the responsible official body of issue</p> <p>Place of issue: <b>YORK</b></p> <p>Date: <b>14<sup>th</sup> December 2020</b></p> <p>Signature of authorised officer:</p> <p></p> <p>Name in BLOCK LETTERS</p> <p><b>JAMIE MCCORMACK</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>	