Butterflies and Moths

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USDA requires permits for the importation and interstate movement of live butterflies and moths under the authority of 7 CFR 330

- Apply for a Permit - Use PPQ Form 526, Application for permit to move live plant pests or noxious weeds

Shipping Requirements for Importing Regulated Organisms Requiring Red and White Labels

Information about Shipping Requirements and Red and White Labels

Butterflies and Moths FAQ's

View a list of the commonly asked questions and concerns associated with the application process for butterflies and moths.

Butterflies for Release

USDA will only consider permits for specific species for release into the environment depending on where the butterflies are coming from and where they are being sent. For the monarch butterfly, Danaus plexippus the USDA does not issue permits for interstate movement across the continental divide for release into the environment.

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