

United States Department of Agriculture  
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service  
Plant Protection & Quarantine  
4700 River Road  
Riverdale, MD 20737

**Permit to Move Live Plant Pests, Noxious Weeds, and Soil**  
Interstate Movement  
**Regulated by 7 CFR 330**

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<b>PERMITTEE NAME:</b> Mr. Robert Eldred	<b>PERMIT NUMBER:</b> P526P-21-01539
<b>ORGANIZATION:</b> Top Hat Cricket Farm Incorporated	<b>APPLICATION NUMBER:</b> P526-210311-063
<b>ADDRESS:</b> 1919 Forest Drive Portage, MI 49002	<b>DATE ISSUED:</b> 03/22/2021
<b>MAILING ADDRESS:</b> 1919 Forest Drive Portage, MI 49002	<b>EXPIRES:</b> 03/22/2024
<b>PHONE:</b> 269-327-2988	<b>FACILITY NUMBER:</b> N/A
<b>ALT. PHONE:</b>	<b>HAND CARRY:</b> No
<b>EMAIL:</b> bob@tophatcrickets.com	
<b>FAX:</b>	
<b>DESTINATION:</b> NC	
<b>RELEASE:</b> No	

Under the conditions specified, this permit authorizes the following:

Regulated Article	Life Stage(s)	Intended Use	Shipment Origins	Originally Collected	Culture Designation
Gryllobates signatus	Adult, Nymph	Commercial Resale - For breeding and sale	MI	Originally Collected from Within the Continental U.S.	

**PERMIT GUIDANCE**

- 1) Importation, interstate movement, and environmental release of the listed regulated organisms that have been genetically engineered may require a different permit issued under regulations at 7 CFR part 340. Any unauthorized importation, interstate movement, or environmental release (including accidental release) of a regulated GE organism would be a violation of those regulations. Before moving genetically engineered organisms, contact APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services (BRS) at: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/biotechnology>. If BRS does not require a permit, contact the Pest, Pathogen, and Biocontrol permit unit for further guidance at: [pest.permits@usda.gov](mailto:pest.permits@usda.gov)
- 2) If an animal pathogen is identified in your shipment, to ensure appropriate safeguarding, please refer to [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import\\_export/animals/animal\\_import/animal\\_imports\\_an\\_products.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_an_products.shtml)
- 3) If a human pathogen is identified, please refer to the CDC Etiologic Agent Import Permit Program at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/eaipp/>
- 4) This permit DOES NOT fulfill the requirements of other federal or state regulatory authorities.

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Please contact the appropriate agencies, such as the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the APHIS Veterinary Services unit, the APHIS Biotechnology Regulatory Services, or your State's Department of Agriculture to ensure proper permitting.


5) If you are considering renewal of this permit, an application should be submitted at least 90 days prior to the expiration date of this permit to ensure continued coverage. Permits requiring containment facilities may take a longer period of time to process.

### PERMIT CONDITIONS

USDA-APHIS authorizes Mr. Robert Eldred, Top Hat Cricket Farm Incorporated, 1919 Forest Drive, Portage, MI, to move nymphs and adults of *Gryllobates sigillatus* from Michigan to North Carolina for commercial resale – from breeding and sale. All these conditions must be followed:

1.
  - This permit is issued by the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). It conveys APHIS regulations and requirements for the material(s) listed on this permit. It does not reduce or eliminate your legal duty and responsibility to comply with all other applicable Federal and State regulatory requirements.
  - The permit number or a copy of the permit must accompany the shipment.
  - You must be an individual at least 18 years old, or legal entity such as partnership, corporation, association, or joint venture.
  - You are legally responsible for complying with all permit requirements and permit conditions.
  - If you violate any applicable laws associated with this permit, you may face substantial civil or criminal penalties. We may cancel all current permits and deny future permit applications.
  - Without prior notice and during reasonable hours, authorized Federal and State Regulators must be allowed to inspect the conditions associated with the regulated materials/organisms authorized under this permit.
  
2. The permit holder must:
  - maintain a valid PPQ526 permit so long as the regulated materials/organisms are alive or viable,
  - not assign or transfer this permit to other persons without APHIS PPQ authorization,
  - maintain an official permanent work assignment, residence, or affiliation at the address on

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this permit,

- notify the Pest Permit Staff as soon as possible of any change in the permit holder's work assignment, residence, or affiliation,
- notify the Pest Permit Staff of the receipt of unauthorized and/or misdirected shipments of regulated materials/organisms,
- adequately mitigate environmental impacts resulting from unauthorized release of regulated materials/organisms and notify the Pest Permit staff immediately if one occurs,
- notify the Pest Permit Staff if the facility is damaged/destroyed or if you wish to decommission the facility,
- destroy all regulated materials/organisms prior to departure from the organization unless other arrangements are confirmed by the Pest Permit Staff.

Notifications to the Pest Permit Staff must be made via 866-524-5421 or [pest.permits@usda.gov](mailto:pest.permits@usda.gov) within one business day of the event triggering a notification.

3. This permit does not authorize importation of any organisms.
4. This permit does not authorize receipt of any organisms at the above address/location.
5. This permit does not authorize environmental release of any regulated organisms.
6. This permit does not authorize drop shipping. Drop shipping includes any shipments of regulated organisms made to customers from other producers or suppliers. These shipments do not originate from your address. These shipments may include filling orders on your behalf. Each shipper must have a permit issued to them authorizing the interstate movement of the specific regulated organism to each destination. As a permit holder, your permit does not cover the activities of other shippers. Each permit holder remains responsible for determining if another entity possesses a valid 526 Plant Pest Permit for each regulated organism prior to requesting any regulated organism be shipped on their behalf.
7. Each shipment must include directions to web based instructions on proper disposal and avoidance of environment release or a hard-copy letter that the permit holder has prepared. This communication must provide (1) reasons that the regulated organisms cannot be released into the environment, (2) a statement prohibiting further distribution of regulated organisms, and (3) disposal instructions for regulated organism. Separately sent communications are not sufficient to meet this requirement. Failure to enclose a hard-copy of the letter or web based instructions in any shipment is cause for this permit to be cancelled and fines assessed.

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8. The permit holder must keep records of all shipments sent under this permit for a period of three (3) years after the shipping date. All records retained under this permit must be made available to Federal and State regulators upon request.
9. This permit does not authorize distribution or redistribution of imported regulated organisms. All regulated organisms shipped under this permit must be laboratory-raised F1 generation or later produced within the continental United States.
10. The attached document (Environmental Awareness Ltr) must accompany all shipments.
11. All regulated organisms must be maintained in escape-proof cages (e.g. aquaria, terraria, etc.) at all times within the facility. Cages that are accessible to the visitor must be securely locked at all times when not being serviced. The facility must be locked when not occupied by the permittee or their designee.
12. The permit holder is to ensure that shipments are not contaminated with any additional plant pests, pathogens, plant materials, or soil.
13. The regulated organisms must be shipped in escape proof containers held within a secure box.

**END OF PERMIT CONDITIONS**

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