

## Instructions for Shipping International Soils to METER Group for HYPROP, KSAT, and VARIOS

Soil (dirt, sod, etc.) is strictly controlled under the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS) because it can readily provide a pathway for the introduction of a variety of dangerous organisms into the United States. The movement of soil into the United States from foreign sources is prohibited, and movement within the continental United States is restricted unless authorized by APHIS under specific conditions or safeguards. The importation of soil from foreign sources and/or the interstate movement is authorized by APHIS solely under strictly controlled circumstances described in a permit or compliance agreement.

METER Group (Colin S. Campbell) holds a permit to receive foreign soils and requires that soil shipments to METER comply with the following APHIS requirements. please contact Colin directly with questions: +1.509.332.2756; colin.campbell@metergroup.com.

- 1. Soil should be shipped in a double-walled cardboard box.
  - Inside the cardboard box, the soil sample should be contained in the soil sample rings
    provided (see the insert card titled *Instructions for Collecting Soil Sample Using VARIOS*or HYPROP Sample Ring for detailed directions) and place in protective foam boxes for
    shipping.
  - Cardboard boxes will be rated at no less than 100 lb gross weight strength.
- 2. Soil will be shipped via an international bonded carrier directly to METER.
- PPQ Form 550 (emailed from METER) must be adhered to the outside of the package.
- 4. A copy of METER Permit to Receive Soil (emailed from METER) will be placed inside the box.
- Notify Colin S. Campbell of the date when a sample will be shipped to METER.

Please note the following:

- 1. Air-dried soil is preferable, but moist soil is acceptable. Please do not attempt to ship soil that is near saturation (mud).
- 2. Clean the soil sample ring before packing in provided foam boxes.
- 3. Please fill out the information sheet on the reverse side and place inside the box.
- 4. Seal the box with packing tape or other suitable tape.



## **Information Sheet**

Please fill this form out as completely as possible and place in shipping box with the soil sample. Items marked with an asterisk must be completed to receive testing service results.

*Soil Sensor (circle	one):			
HYPROP	KSAT	VARIOS		
*Name:				
*Organization:				
*Mailing Address:				
*Phone:				
*Email:				
Soil ID or Location (	if desired):			
Soil Texture and/or	Type (if known): _			
Soil Electrical Cond	luctivity (if known):			