



**METER**

## Instructions for Shipping International Soils to METER Group

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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](mailto:colin.campbell@metergroup.com).

1. Soil will be shipped in a double-walled cardboard box.
  - Inside the cardboard box, the soil will be double bagged in zippered plastic bags.
  - 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.
3. 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.
5. Notify Colin S. Campbell of the date when a sample will be shipped to METER.

Please note the following:

- a. Air-dried soil is preferable, but moist soil is acceptable. **Please do not attempt to ship soil that is near saturation (mud).**
- b. **Please fill out the information sheet on the reverse side and place inside the box.**
- c. Seal the box with packing tape or other suitable tape.



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## Information Sheet

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

\*Soil Sensor Calibration Service (circle one):

EC-5    5TM    5TE    10HS<sup>†</sup>    GS1    GS3    TEROS 10    TEROS 11    TEROS 12

\*Data Acquisition Method (circle one):

EM50/G    EM5b    Em60/G    ZL6    PROCHECK    Campbell Scientific logger    Other

**NOTE:** If using a non-METER data acquisition system, please specify the excitation voltage: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Soil ID or Location (if desired): \_\_\_\_\_

Soil Texture and/or Type (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Soil Electrical Conductivity (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>†</sup> For a 10HS soil moisture sensor, please be sure to fill the boxes as completely as possible with soil to accommodate the large volume of influence of this sensor.