

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTAINMENT OF INSECTS IN ZOOS
AND BUTTERFLY HOUSES.**

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Insect containment facilities and Insect and Butterfly Zoos are regulated by the permit process within the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Plant Protection and Quarantine. All of these facilities must be physically capable of holding exotic insects for research or public display without release to the environment. Each facility is visited and inspected for containment criteria to gain a permit. These facilities are monitored on a regular basis by PPQ and State officials to verify containment procedures. A checklist is done to track all of the physical containment features. Import records are also checked.