



Veterinary Laboratories Ltd
'The Quality Clinical Pathology Service'

Packaging of Samples Guidance

Animal specimens, with a minimal likelihood of causing fatal disease, being transported for diagnostic investigations must be classified as 'Biological Substance, Category B – UN3373'.

To comply with dangerous goods regulations, this means that specimens must be **triple packaged** under packaging requirement 650 to ensure safe transport.

The key requirements for UN3373 specimens are:

- 1) A leak-proof primary receptacle (blood tube, biopsy pot, swab etc.)
- 2) Leak-proof secondary packaging (mailing container, biohazard bag) with absorbent material as to not compromise the outer packaging should the contents of the primary container leak into the secondary packaging.



- 3) Outer packaging labelled with the UN3373 diamond and proper shipping name "Biological Substance, Category B" and the sender's address.



Please enclosed a fully completed submission form with all specimens, including the patient details, travel history as well as a succinct, relevant clinical history and tests required. This will avoid processing delays at the laboratory.

Failure to comply with these regulations violates dangerous goods regulations (IATA/ADR). If you use our courier service, your driver will not be able to collect any specimens that have not been packaged to this requirement.

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