



PACKING INSTRUCTIONS: Triple Packaging

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Reference: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~hpo>

This instruction applies to the shipment of exempt human/animal specimens or exempt biological materials.

General Requirements

Packaging must consist of three components:

1. a leak-proof primary receptacle;
2. leak-proof secondary packaging; and
3. outer packaging of adequate strength for its capacity, mass and intended use, and with at least one surface having minimum dimensions of 100mm x 100mm.

For liquids, absorbent material must be placed between the primary receptacle(s) and secondary container to contain released liquids.

Multiple fragile primary receptacle(s) must be individually wrapped or separated to prevent contact.

Enclose a list of contents between the secondary and outer packaging.

Labeling:

- Human or animal specimens should be labeled as “exempt human specimen” or “exempt animal specimen”, respectively. The shipper’s and consignee’s names should also be listed on the package. No other markings or hazard labels should be present
- Packages containing non-infectious biological material will only include the shipper’s and consignee’s names, no other markings or labels should be added.

Do **NOT** place on the outer package:

- A biohazard symbol.
- Any UN label, unless you are shipping with Dry Ice (see [Packing Instruction 904](#)).

Reference

International Air Transport Association’s (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations (DGR), 49th Edition, 2008.