

Notification of shipment

Before despatch, the shipment details must be agreed with the AGES. Information about the flight number, the date and time of expected arrival at the Airport must be send to the BRO and the BRO-debutey:

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Packaging requirements

Specimens for diagnosis of the pathogens listed above must be packaged according to PI650 requirement for UN3373 category B classification¹ unless exempt due to a minimal likelihood that pathogens are present (e.g. samples for serology, tissue material)

It is essential that packaging ensures that the contents of containers, which break or leak in transit, cannot contaminate the outside layer of the parcel. Samples should be placed in a watertight primary container which should be individually wrapped in absorbent material and then placed in a watertight crush and leak proof secondary container. This may be surrounded by sealed freezer packs and must be enclosed in a strong outer packaging. A list of contents should be enclosed in a waterproof envelope between the secondary and outer packaging. The parcel must only contain material that is to be processed at the AGES Mödling.

Labelling

The outer packaging of the parcel must be clearly labelled with the following information as shown in the diagram below

- Import licence and Bescheid (BMG-Importgenehmigung) should also be attached within an envelope to the outside of the package
- The name and address of the Institute:

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Institut für veterinärmedizinische Untersuchungen Mödling
Robert Koch Gasse 17
A-2340 Mödling
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- The name and telephone number of the person responsible for sending the parcel and/or of the person responsible for drawing the samples.
- Give a detail description of the samples (which type of tissue, approximate weight, date of sampling) together with the suspected agents
- Information about efficient decontamination solutions can be requested from the BROs. Contacts see above.
- Infectious Substance Hazard Label stating that the package contains a "Biological Substance, Category B" Animal Diagnostic Specimen of no Commercial Value (Hazard for Animal Health, not for people).
- Flight Number
- „For laboratory use only" or must be indicated on the container itself.
- Air Waybill Number if available.

Customs Declaration

**BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE,
CATEGORY B**

Animal Diagnostic Specimen of no
Commercial Value (Hazard for Animal Health, not for people)

TO:

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Import Licence No:

Keep at 4°C

Name of sender

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Phone number (24hr).....

Flight number

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Example of Packing and Marking for Category B Infectious Substances
(See Packing Instruction 650 of additional requirements)

