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General Specimen Transport / Hazardous Material Transport Policy

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PURPOSE

To properly package and label specimens for shipping.

POLICY

Federal and international regulations mandate the proper packaging and transportation of infectious substances. Infectious materials are now classified into two categories, category A (Infectious Substances) and Category B (Biological substances. Specific requirements apply to domestic transportation by land, air or sea.

All Personnel who package specimens for shipment must satisfactorily complete certified training requirements. Certified training is required every 2 years.

If a certified staff member is not available to package the specimen please contact EH&S for packaging assistance.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

* How to Package a Diagnostic Specimen under the New Regulations document.
* Shipping Dangerous Goods in Excepted Qualities article.
* Shipping Dry Ice Refrigerating a Non-Dangerous Commodity instructions.
* Changes to the Diagnostic Specimen Exemption article.
* Shipping Label examples.
* Packaging Specimen example.

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