

TRANSPORTATION OF CATEGORY A OR CATEGORY B INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCES

For transport purposes the classification of infectious substances according to Risk Groups was removed from the Dangerous Goods Regulations in the 46th edition. Infectious substances are now classified as Category A or Category B for transport purposes. There is no direct relationship between Risk Groups and Category A and Category B.

NOTE: Package classification for transportation should always err on the side of caution.

For more information on the transportation of Category A and Category B Infectious Substances please consult:

1. The ProvLab Guide to Services under the specific disease/syndrome or causal agent, and/or
2. Check:
 - a. [Classification of Infectious Substances](#)
 - b. [Exempt Human Specimens - Packing Instructions](#)
 - c. [Infectious Substances Category A- IATA Packing Instructions P620Job Aid](#)
 - d. [Biological Substances Category B- IATA Packing Instructions P650 Job Aid](#)or
3. [Call the Laboratory](#) and speak with the Microbiologist/Virologist On Call

For Packaging for the Transport of Diagnostic Specimens and Infectious Substances refer to **Transport of Diagnostic Specimens and Infectious Substances** on the previous page of this document.

For suspected Category A investigations
(e.g. smallpox, viral hemorrhagic fevers, Ebola etc.)
Consult the Microbiologist/Virologist On Call
prior to collecting and sending samples.