

Step 4: Labeling, Marking, and Documenting Requirements Job Aid

Use the table below as a reference for labeling, marking, and documenting requirements for the various classifications and modes of transport. This job aid is a component of the free, on-demand CDC training course "Packing and Shipping Dangerous Goods: What the Laboratory Staff Must Know." Find the course at https://reach.cdc.gov/training.

Mode of Transport	Classification	Required Labeling & Marking	Required Documentation
Motor vehicle courier	Not subject to DOT regulations	Outer packaging:Shipper and consignee information	None
	Category B	 Outer packaging: Biological substance label Shipper and consignee information UN identification number, UN 3373 Proper shipping name - Biological Substance, Category B Name and telephone number of the person responsible Package orientation labels on opposite faces if more than 50 ml of liquid 	None
	Category A	Outer packaging:UN specification markInfectious substance labelShipper and consignee informationUN identification number, UN 2814Net quantity of infectious substanceProper shipping name - Infectious substance, affecting humans or animalsName and phone number of the person responsible for shipment (available 24/7)Package orientation labels on opposite faces if more than 50 ml of liquid	 Itemized list of contents Shipping papers with a 24/7 emergency contact (Shipper's Declaration can satisfy) Emergency response information, such as Guide 158.
	Dry ice	 Outer packaging: UN1845 mark Net weight of dry ice in kg Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods label Proper shipping name - Carbon dioxide, solid or Dry Ice Category B substances should indicate that the material being refrigerated is being transported for diagnostic or treatment purposes (e.g., frozen medical specimens) 	None

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USPS	Substances that do not meet Category A or B criteria	Follow DOT ground transport for Category B, omitting the UN identification number, proper shipping name - Biological Substances, Category B	None
	Exempt Human Specimen or Exempt Animal Specimen	 Outer packaging: Exempt human specimen or exempt animal specimen labels Shipper and consignee information 	None
	Category B	 Outer packaging: Biological substance label Shipper and consignee information UN identification number, UN 3373 Proper shipping name - Biological Substance, Category B Name and telephone number of the person responsible Package orientation labels on opposite faces if more than 50 ml of liquid 	None
	Category A	Not allowed for transport by USPS	Not allowed
	Dry ice	 Outer packaging: UN1845 mark Net weight of dry ice in kg Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods label Proper shipping name - Carbon dioxide, solid or Dry Ice 	None

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Air transport by IATA member airlines such as FedEx or UPS	Exempt Human Specimen or Exempt Animal Specimen	 Outer packaging: Exempt human specimen or exempt animal specimen labels Shipper and consignee information 	Air Waybill
	Category B	 Outer packaging: Biological substance label Shipper and consignee information UN identification number, UN 3373 Proper shipping name - Biological Substance, Category B Name and telephone number of the person responsible Package orientation labels on opposite faces if more than 50 ml of liquid 	 Itemized list of contents Air Waybill or Shipping Label generated using proprietary software (e.g., FedEx's Ship Manager[®])
	Category A	 Outer packaging: UN specification mark Infectious substance label Shipper and consignee information UN identification number, UN 2814 Net quantity of infectious substance Proper shipping name - Infectious substance, affecting humans or animals Name and telephone number of the person responsible for shipment (available 24/7) Package orientation labels on opposite faces if more than 50 ml of liquid Cargo Aircraft Only label when shipping quantities of infectious substance over 50 ml 	 Itemized list of contents Air Waybill or Shipping Label generated using proprietary software (e.g., FedEx's Ship Manager[®]) Shipper's Declaration with a 24/7 emergency contact
	Dry ice	Outer packaging: • UN1845 mark • Net weight of dry ice in kg • Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods label • Proper shipping name - Carbon dioxide, solid or Dry Ice	 Shipper's Declaration filled out for dry ice

LABEL	DESCRIPTIONS
BIOHAZARD	A biohazard symbol is needed on the primary receptacle or secondary packaging if the substance, materials, and containers have blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM).
INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCE	Infectious substance label
UN3373	Biological substance label
EXEMPT HUMAN SPECIMEN EXEMPT ANIMAL SPECIMEN	Exempt human specimen or exempt animal specimen labels
	Class 9 Miscellaneous Dangerous Goods
Overpack	If an overpack is used, an overpack label is needed. The outer packaging marks and labels should be the same for each inner package and dry ice.
	Package orientation labels on opposite faces if more than 50 ml of liquid
TOREDEEN IN FASIENCER AIRCRAT	Cargo Aircraft Only label when shipping quantities of infectious substance over 50 ml or 50 g by air (Category A)

LABELS	DESCRIPTIONS
To: - From: 	Shipper and consignee information
Responsible Person:	Name and telephone number of the person responsible
UN2900 Infectious substance, affecting animals UN2814 Infectious substance, affecting humans	UN identification number, UN 2900 or UN2714 and Proper shipping name - Infectious substance, affecting humans or animals
UN 3373 Biological substance, Category B	UN identification number, UN 3373, and Proper shipping name - Biological Substance, Category B
CARBON DIOXIDE, SOLID UN1845 Xkg	UN1845 mark, net weight of dry ice in kg, and proper shipping name for Carbon dioxide, solid or Dry Ice
4G/CLASS 6.2/17 GB/2815	UN specification mark
FROZEN MEDICAL SPECIMEN	Frozen Medical Specimen

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