

Sample Submission Guide

Correct packaging of samples will help VLS deliver desirable outcomes to our clients. Find below a series of IATA approved packaging instructions for biological goods CAT B.

3 Components for packaging biological goods:



A Primary Receptacle

A leakproof primary package such as a sealed test tube for blood samples.



A Secondary Packaging

A leakproof secondary package to protect the integrity of the outer-package in the instance of any primary receptacle leakages.



A Rigid Outer Package

Constructed and closed in a way to prevent loss of contents along the journey.

Correct collection of blood samples includes filling test tubes with as much sample as possible. Avoid submitting samples to the laboratory that have been insufficiently filled.

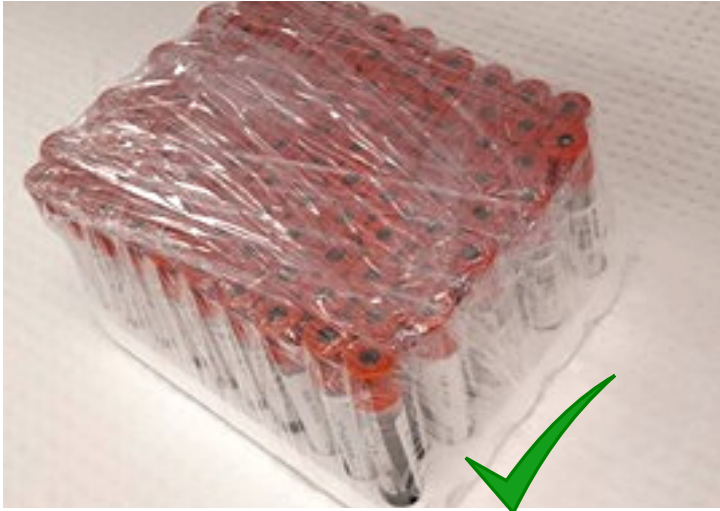


Clearly label tubes with Animal ID.

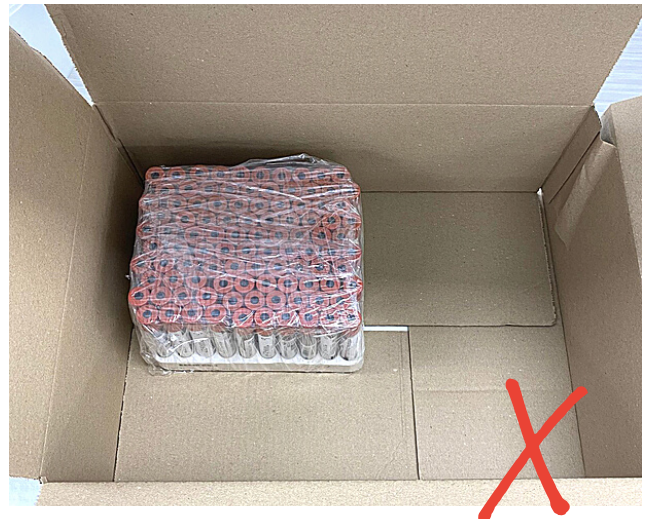
Barcoded labels preferred. If handwriting labels be sure to write legibly. Labels to be attached lengthways across test tube. Ensure your submission form is correctly filled in and packed with the samples.

Correct packaging of samples when shipping to the laboratory

includes correct use of secondary packaging, such as cling wrap to secure individual primary tubes within their tray.



Outer packaging should enclose the samples in a way that protects contents from normal conditions of transport and avoids inaccurate sizing of parcel leading to excess charges from transport companies.



For Consideration

- If samples are not being shipped immediately, store the collected samples in a refrigerated environment (4°C) until the time of shipping.
- If you suspect the samples will be in transit longer than 24 hours, then it is recommended to ship the samples with ice packs to ensure sample quality.