

Packing Instructions for Submission of UK Diagnostic Samples for Bluetongue Testing

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NOTE: It is important to include the department/ team/ contact person name on your package- this will ensure your samples can be directed to the correct facility.
Absence of this information could lead to delays or issues with processing your samples.

Please include the submission form outside of the primary container or sealed on the outside of the parcel.

Diagnostic samples are classed as Category B UN3373 (as described in ADR Regulations) and should be packaged as per packing instruction 650.

Animal specimens for which there is minimal likelihood that pathogens are present are not subject to ADR if the specimen is carried in a packaging which will prevent any leakage and which is marked with the words “Exempt animal specimen”.

For either of the above classifications, the packaging should be the same:

- i) A leak-proof primary receptacle
- ii) A leak-proof secondary packaging (with absorbent material if liquid sample)
- iii) An outer packaging of adequate strength for its capacity, mass and intended use

If you are shipping with Royal Mail the additional restrictions also apply:

- a. Category B UN3373 (diagnostic specimens including urine, blood, faeces and animal remains) may only be sent by, or at the specific request of, a qualified veterinary surgeon or a recognised laboratory or institution
- b. The total sample volume/mass in any parcel must not exceed 50ml/50g
- c. The sender's name and return address must be clearly visible on the outer packaging

