



Sample Shipping Guide:

From International Non-EU Countries to the USA

Always defer to the instructions from your in-house shipping agent or external courier service.

Topics:

Determining the Type of Sample to be Shipped

- Refer to: [Guidance on Regulations for the Transport of Infectious Substances, World Health Organization](#)

Shipping Documents

- Identification Request Forms
- Commercial Invoice
- Shipper's Declaration of Dangerous Goods
- CDC Permit (obtain from Charles River)

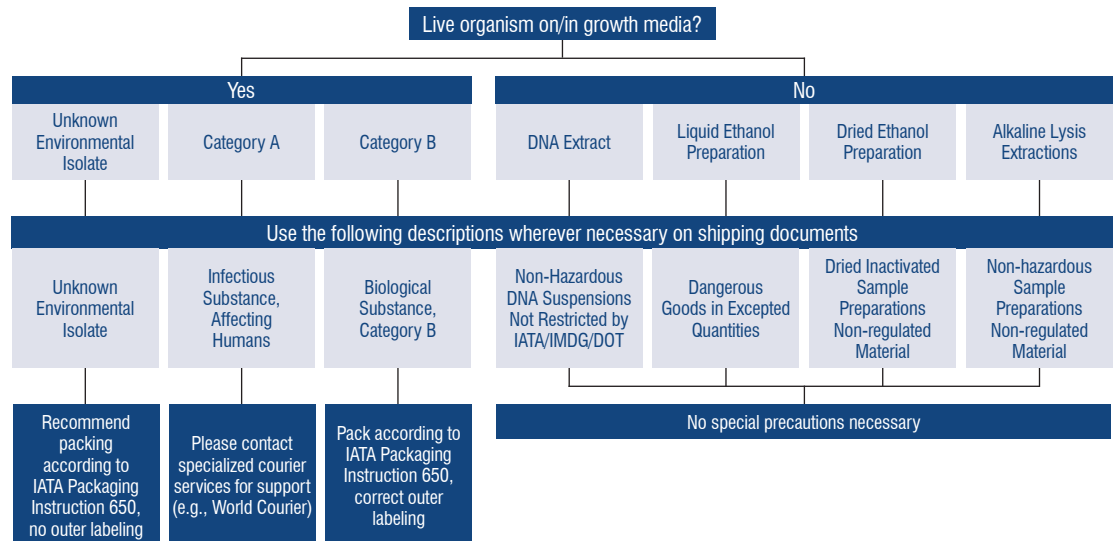
Recommended Packaging

What Type of Sample Are You Sending?

- Unknown Environmental Isolate
- Known Infectious Substance
 - Category A*
 - An infectious substance which is transported in a form that, when exposure to it occurs, is capable of causing permanent disability, life-threatening or fatal disease in otherwise healthy humans or animals
 - Infectious Substance, Affecting Humans (UN 2814) **OR** Infectious Substance, Affecting Animals (UN 2900)
 - Category B
 - Charles River requires special permits to allow the import of certain Category A microorganisms. Please contact Charles River if you believe you have a Category A sample.
 - An infectious substance which does not meet the criteria for inclusion in Category A
 - Biological Substance, Category B (UN 3373)

Visit www.criver.com/accugenix for approved sample types and guidelines for sample preparation.

Labeling and Packaging Requirements



* Examples of Category A substances may be found in the World Health Organization's ["Guidance on Regulations for the Transport of Infectious Substances."](#)

Shipping Documents Required for International Shipments to the U.S.

Required Shipping Documents	Sample Types					
	Live Cultures (Unknown)	Live Cultures (Category B)	DNA Extract	Liquid Ethanol Preparation	Dried Ethanol Preparation	Alkaline Lysis Extractions
Charles River Identification Request Form	Yes Inside	Yes Inside	Yes Inside	Yes Inside	Yes Inside	Yes Inside
Airway Bill	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside
Commercial Invoice	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside
Shipper's Declaration of Dangerous Goods	Not Required	Yes Outside	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
CDC Permit	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside	Yes Outside
Biohazard Label	Not Required	Yes Secondary Container	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required

Identification Request Forms

- Place the appropriate form inside the box
- Available on the [Charles River Accugenix® Customer Web Portal](#). You can also contact Technical Support at +1.302.292.8888

Commercial Invoice

- Non-EU to United States - **REQUIRED**
- Fill in the Description of Goods section with the following:
 - For Known Organism: "Biological Substance, Category B"
 - For Unknown Cultures: "Unknown Environmental Isolate"
 - For DNA Extracts: "Non-hazardous DNA Suspensions Not Restricted by IATA/IMDG/DOT"

- For Liquid Ethanol Preparations: "Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities"
- For Dried Alcohol Preparations: "Inactivated Sample Preparations Non-regulated Material"
- For Alkaline Lysis Extractions: "Non-hazardous Sample Preparations Non-regulated Material"
- Affix to outside of box
- Your courier service will support you in preparing a commercial invoice
- Adhere to regulations of shipping company and local government
- Templates can be found online from shippers

Packaging - Triple Containment

- In accordance with IATA Packing Instruction 650
- Required for UN 3373, Biological Substance, Category B
- Recommend for non-regulated “unknown environmental isolate”

Charles River Recommendations

- Ship agarose plates at ambient temperature
 - Do not send blue ice packs/dry ice
 - Ship overnight via traceable courier
- Choose your descriptions carefully:
 - Known infectious substance:
“Biological Substance, Category B”

- Unknown organisms:
“Unknown Environmental Isolates”
- DNA extract:
“Non-hazardous DNA Suspensions Not Restricted by IATA/IMDG/DOT”
- Liquid ethanol preparation:
“Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities”
- Dried ethanol preparation:
“Non-regulated Material - Dried Inactivated Sample ”
- Alkaline Lysis extraction:
“Non-hazardous Sample Preparations - Non-regulated Material“
- Do not use for description of goods:
 - Pharmaceuticals, Bacteria, Genetic Material, Baby Formula, DNA, Medical, Microbiological, etc., or sample(s) will be delayed!