



REQUIREMENTS FOR PACKAGING AND SHIPPING SAMPLES FOR FISH HEALTH DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Because the samples may contain pathogens, they need to be packaged in a way that prevents escape or leakage of their contents. Be sure to use packaging materials that are new or have been decontaminated.
- Place samples in a waterproof primary receptacle (container) such as a screw cap vial, whirl pack bag, etc. These containers should then be placed in a secondary container such as a sealable leak-proof bag containing sufficient absorbent material for the contents of the primary packaging should the primary container(s) fail.
- As the sender, you must ensure that the animals or things being shipped to the laboratory for analysis is not under any movement restriction imposed under federal or provincial law and is not intended for destruction for disease control purposes. If such material is under any movement restrictions, you may require a separate license or permit for shipping authorization to be issued by the jurisdiction with the authority to do so.
- If ice packs are used, they should be sealed in a zip lock bag to reduce moisture that occurs with thawing.
- RPC sample submission form (<http://rpc.ca/english/downloads.html>) to be completed and chain of custody signed and dated by shipper. This form is to be sealed in a watertight secondary receptacle such as a zip lock bag, separate from samples. Enclose sealed submission form and other paperwork on top of the samples in a watertight container.
- Be sure to remove old conflicting labels that could confuse delivery or sorting at the laboratory.
- More specific information can be obtained by contacting the laboratory or referring to the following: [Shipping infectious substances \(canada.ca\)](http://www23.internationalairmail.com/Shipping%20infectious%20substances%20canada.ca)

Please contact the laboratory for specific requirements based on requested analysis.

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