

Specimen Collection Guide - Specimen Transportation

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The packaging and transportation of all diagnostic specimens, cultures or biological products must comply with the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. All packages sent to the Ontario Public Health Laboratories must be constructed, filled, closed and secured so that under normal conditions of transport, including handling, there will be no accidental release of the substance that could endanger public or employee safety.

All packages must meet the requirements of the National Standards of Canada CAN/CGSB-43.125-2003.

PART 1 – 4.1 Type 1A (TC-125-1A) is used where a high integrity package is required.

PART 2 - Type 1B (TC-125-1B) is suitable for most routine shipments of diagnostic specimens.

Further information regarding these regulations and compliance packaging can be obtained from the Transport Canada web site at <http://www.tc.gc.ca> or by contacting Transport Canada -Ontario Region (Surface PS), 4900 Yonge Street Suite 300, Toronto ON M2N 6A5, Tel No 416-973-9820. Fax No 416-973-9907