

Category A Checklist

- Packaging and documents are prepared by a person certified in Packaging and Shipping Division 6.2 Infectious Substances
- If a manufactured Category A shipping system is used, the manufacturer's instructions have been followed and no parts have been incorporated from other Category A shipping systems
- Triple packaging system is employed with primary specimen container, secondary packaging, and outer packaging according to IATA and DOT requirements
- Primary container is sealed (with Parafilm™ or heat-shrink wrap, or other sealant) such that it is guaranteed not to leak and the cap cannot loosen
- Primary container is accompanied by cushioning material and cellulose absorbent
- Secondary packaging is pressure-resistant to 95kPa
- Contents are listed on requisition or specimen submission form or otherwise listed outside secondary packaging
- Paperwork is protected from condensation from chemical ice packs, if used
- Secondary packaging is secured inside outer packaging by extra cushioning material if necessary
- If dry ice is used, proper dry ice shipping protocols have been referenced and followed
- Outer package is UN certified Category A box
- Outer package labelled with class 6 hazard diamond, and proper shipping and technical names
- 24 hour emergency contact is required on the outer package. Emergency contact must be able to provide spill response instructions; delays in response time are finable by the USDOT
- Full name, phone number, and address of responsible person, shipper, and consignee are listed on outer package
- 3 signed copies of the red-striped shippers declaration of dangerous goods attached to package