Step 3: Packing Category A and B and Exempt Human and Exempt Animal Specimens Job Aid

Use the pages below as a reference for packing Category A, B, and Exempt Specimens.

Category A Substance Packaging

**NOTE:** The packaging is the same for both types (UN 2814 and UN2900) of Category A packaging, only the UN mark and Proper Shipping Names change.
Category B Substance Packaging

- Leakproof/siftproof primary receptacle
- Cushioning materials
- Absorbent materials
- Rigid outer packaging
- Leakproof/siftproof secondary packaging
- Responsible person label on outer package for UPS, FedEx, USPS or in documentation for motor vehicle courier
- Documentation
  - Biohazards symbol on primary receptacle or secondary packaging if the substance contains blood or is contaminated with human blood (must be on secondary for USPS)
  - Shipper and consignee information
  - Documentation
  - UN3373 mark
  - Proper Shipping Name

Category B Substance Packaging with Dry Ice

- Class 9 label
- UN1845 and net weight in kg
- Frozen medical specimens label (motor vehicle couriers only)
Exempt Human Specimen or Exempt Animal Specimen Packaging

- Leakproof/ siftproof primary receptacle
- Outer packaging strong enough for capacity, mass, and intended use
- Leakproof/ siftproof secondary packaging
- Biohazard symbol (USPS only)
- Shipper and consignee information
- Documentation

Exempt Human Specimen or Exempt Animal Substance Packaging with Dry Ice

- Class 9 label
- UN1845 and net weight in kg

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