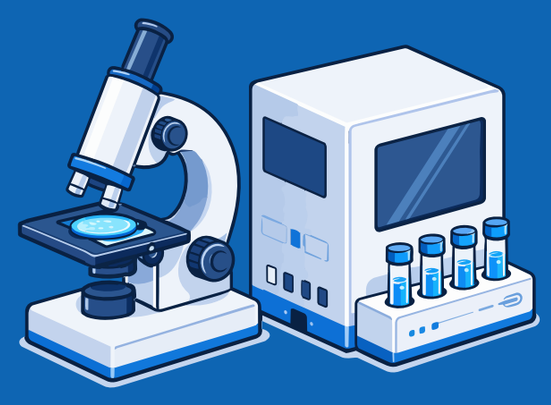
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Procedure for shipping samples of infectious substances

Steps for countries



1 Request

The country sends the request to ship the samples to the PAHO laboratory response team focal point.



2 Confirmation

The laboratory response team must confirm that the shipping process will begin.



3 Transport

The laboratory response team will begin internal coordination with specialized transport services for the transport of infectious or biological substances.



4 Review

Next, the laboratory response team will contact the laboratory manager to review the documentation and other logistical aspects.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

- Non-commercial invoice
- Packing list

- Shipper
- Consignee
- Import permit
- Sample type
- No. of samples
- Packaging
- Sample volume
- Weight
- Packaging conditions
- Laboratory signature

5 Customs

The documentation is sent by the laboratory response team to the transport agent, who is responsible for obtaining customs approvals in the countries involved.



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Coordinate first with the PAHO Laboratory Response team and wait for confirmation before preparing the shipment.