

How to prepare TB samples for transport

There are requirements you must meet when packing and sending your TB samples for testing.

As a shipper, you are responsible for the safety of samples you send via courier (Land Transport Rule: Dangerous Goods 2005 and IATA Packing Instruction 650).

Diagnostic samples are Category B infectious substances (UN 3373). Your packages must:

- have three layers of containment
- arrive in good condition
- must not present hazard to anyone during transportation.

OSPRI will provide packaging for TB samples.

Packaging must include:

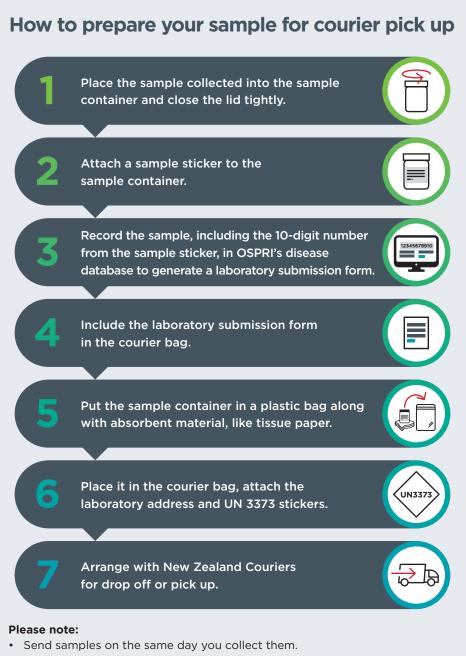
- sample container
- plastic sample bags
- courier bags
- UN 3373 and laboratory address stickers.

You must use some form of absorbent material such as tissue paper to package the sample in.

To order sample packaging:



Go to **ospri.co.nz/order** form-sample-containers and fill in the online form.



- Keep samples in the fridge until sending.
- The lab takes samples from Monday to Thursday only.
- If you collect samples on Friday, freeze them over the weekend to send on Monday.



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