

# 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](https://ospri.co.nz/order-form-sample-containers) and fill in the online form.

## Have questions?

Contact our OSPRI support centre on **0800 482 463** or email us at [consumables@ospri.co.nz](mailto:consumables@ospri.co.nz)

## How to prepare your sample for courier pick up

1

Place the sample collected into the sample container and close the lid tightly.



2

Attach a sample sticker to the sample container.



3

Record the sample, including the 10-digit number from the sample sticker, in OSPRI's disease database to generate a laboratory submission form.



4

Include the laboratory submission form in the courier bag.



5

Put the sample container in a plastic bag along with absorbent material, like tissue paper.



6

Place it in the courier bag, attach the laboratory address and UN 3373 stickers.



7

Arrange with New Zealand Couriers for drop off or pick up.



### Please note:

- Send samples on the same day you collect them.
- 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.