



**OIE/FAO and National Reference
Laboratory for Newcastle disease and
Avian Influenza Virology Department.
Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale
(IZSVE) delle Venezie**

Important:

Contact the IZSVE in order to discuss testing and testing materials before shipping. Provide the name and details of a contact person.

Types of specimen

Specimens submitted may be virus isolates made in the submitting country or clinical specimen, such as tissues or swabs, collected from diseased birds.

Packaging requirements

All materials should be in leak-proof containers. Packaging should be composed of (1) a primary receptacle, (2) a secondary packaging and (3) a rigid outer packaging. Packaging of "diagnostic samples" should be coded UN3373 and comply with IATA PI650 standard. "virus isolates" should be coded UN2814 for AIV and UN2900 for NDV complying with IATA PI602 standards. Contact couriers to confirm the provision of boxes complying with these requirements

Documents that should accompany the shipment for customs clearing

Import permissions from the Italian Ministry of Health (formerly provided by the IZSVE) and a signed proforma invoice (the template will be formerly provided by the IZSVE) should be attached firmly to the box.

Shipping modality

Air freight or couriers to Milan Malpensa Airport (recommended), Rome Fiumicino Airport (courier only) or Venice Marco Polo Airport (no virus isolates). Informing the IZSVE 1 week in advance is recommended. Arrange for shipments to arrive in Italian airports from Monday to Thursday only.

Shipping Address

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle
Venezie, Virology Department
Viale dell'Università 10
35020 Legnaro (PD)
Italy

Phone: +39 049 8084371

Fax: +39 049 8084360

Notification of shipment

Before shipping, please provide the following information to the IZSVE contact person:

- Embarkation date
- Airline name and Flight number
- Name of the destination airport
- Date of arrival in Italy
- Airway bill number (the air bill should be faxed as soon as possible to: Fax + 39 049 8084360, or sent via e-mail to the contact person)
- Contact person to whom the results should be sent (name, facsimile number, e-mail address)

Contact people at the IZSVE

To ship diagnostic samples and virus isolates:

Marta Vettore

E-mail: mvettore@izsvenezie.it

For reagents:

William Dundon

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Other contact persons:

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**Avian Virology Laboratory, Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Weybridge, UK.
From outside the EU**

Packaging requirements

All materials should be in leak-proof containers. At least two layers of packaging should be used and the inner layer treated lightly with disinfectant.

The outer packaging must be marked as follows:

**ANIMAL PATHOGEN – PACKAGE ONLY
TO BE OPENED AT THE AVIAN
VIROLOGY SECTION, VETERINARY
LABORATORIES AGENCY, WEYBRIDGE,
SURREY**

and with one of the following IMPORT LICENCE NUMBERS:

For Newcastle disease:

AHZ/2232/2002/5

For Avian Influenza, other viruses, avian tissue, serum, faeces and eggs:

AHZ/2074C/2004/3

Shipping Address

Ruth Manvell
Avian Virology, VLA Weybridge
New Haw, Addlestone, Surrey KT15 3NB,
United Kingdom

A letter should accompany the parcel with as much history about the isolates as possible, to include species and age, area/country of isolation, any clinical history, etc. If sending by **AIR FREIGHT** it is essential that the **AIRWAY BILL NUMBER** is given to VLA-Weybridge by FAX, telephone or e-mail before the arrival of the materials in order to facilitate an early delivery.

Packages sent by air freight should be clearly marked: **CARE OF TRANSGLOBAL** to ensure rapid processing at the airport.

Notification of shipment

Please notify the VLA-Weybridge, Avian Virology Laboratory of the shipment details and the contact person for information on the result (name, fax number, e-mail address) before dispatch.

Direct FAX: +44 (0)1932 357 856

Direct Tel: +44 (0)1932 357 736

E-mail: aiwrl@vla.defra.gsi.gov.uk

Contact

If you wish to discuss a submission and options for support from the International Reference Laboratory for Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease, please contact:

Dr. I.H.Brown

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Australian Animal Health Laboratory (AAHL)

Types of specimen

Specimens submitted to AAHL for disease diagnosis may be either virus isolates made in the submitting country or clinical specimens, such as tissues or swabs, collected from diseased birds.

Please contact laboratory for further instructions prior to any shipment.

Import permit and packing

Copies of Australian import permits are available from AAHL by contacting aahl-accessions@csiro.au. All specimens must be packed in leak-proof containers in accordance with the appropriate IATA regulation and appropriately labelled. Copies of the import permit and other consignment details should be attached to the outside of the package to expedite clearance through Australian customs.

Notification of shipment

If submitting specimens please notify the accessions clerk on aahl-accessions@csiro.au, the Duty Veterinarian on aahl-dutyvet@csiro.au or + 61 3 5227 5000 of the consignment details so that specimens can be collected upon arrival in Australia. Alternatively send the information by facsimile to +61 3 5227 5555. Consignment details include the consignment note/air weigh bill number, courier/airline and expected arrival date. Submissions may also be logged directly on AAHL's Web Portal at:
<http://www.csiro.au/aahldx>

Shipping address

The Director
Australian Animal Health Laboratory
5 Portarlington Road, Geelong, 3220
Australia
Telephone: +61 3 5227 5000
Facsimile: +61 3 5227 5555
<http://www.csiro.au/aahl>

Contact for Avian Influenza

You may also wish to discuss the testing required with Peter Daniels (peter.daniels@csiro.au) or Paul Selleck (paul.selleck@csiro.au) on +61 3 5227 5000 prior to submitting the specimens.

Website

<http://www.csiro.au/aahl>

Diagnostic Portal

<http://www.csiro.au/aahldx>



National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL), Ames, Iowa, USA

Import permit

Packages containing diagnostic specimens or organisms (infectious materials) imported from foreign locations into the United States must be accompanied by a permit issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The importation permit, with proper packaging and labelling, will expedite clearance of the package through U.S. customs. One copy of the permit should be attached to the outside of the shipping container and a second copy placed just inside the lid of the outer shipping container. The importation permit can be obtained from the laboratory (NVSL, Ames, Iowa).

Packaging requirements

All materials should be in leak-proof containers and packaged to withstand breakage. All materials should be properly labelled.

Shipping address

Director,
National Veterinary Services Laboratories
Diagnostic Virology Laboratory
1800 Dayton Avenue, Ames
Iowa, USA 50010

Notification shipment

Please notify the Diagnostic Laboratory with shipping information (date of arrival, airline/courier, weigh bill number, etc.) as soon as it is available. Fax information to +1 (515) 663-7348 or telephone +1 (515) 663-7551.

Contact for Avian Influenza

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