

Important Shipping Information for International Customers

The importation and exportation of research animal materials are controlled by the United States Department of Agriculture, National Center for Importation/Exportation (NCIE). Tissue and blood samples from most types of research animals may be shipped directly to BioPAL, *via* a courier of your choice, without a special permit. However, the customer is required to provide a disclosure statement placed on the outside of the shipping package. The directions for the disclosure statement are simple and straightforward, but must be followed carefully to avoid delays or rejection of your shipment.

A. Small Laboratory Animals

Material from **rats, mice, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, rabbits** including tissue, blood and feces is covered by NCIE Guideline #1103, effective October 1998. This material must not be from animals exposed to or injected with, or from a facility working with “exotic livestock or poultry disease agents.” The attached disclosure statement should be an original, typed, and signed statement on official institution letterhead stationary and must:

1. Identify the enclosed animal material and species, i.e., rabbit tissue and blood.
2. State that the animal(s) was: a) not exposed to or inoculated with any livestock or poultry disease agents exotic to the United States or b) did not originate from a facility where work is conducted with such disease agents.
3. Reference US Dept of Agriculture NCIE Guideline #1103.

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B. Canine and Feline

Material from **dogs and cats** including tissue, blood, and feces is covered by NCIE Guideline #1102. This material must not be from animals exposed to or injected with, or from a facility working with “exotic livestock or poultry disease agents”. The attached disclosure statement should be an original typed and signed statement on official institution letterhead stationary and must:

1. Identify the enclosed animal material as canine or feline.
2. State that the package does not contain any other animal material.
3. Include a statement that the animal material was not derived from dogs and cats that were inoculated with or exposed to any infectious agents of agricultural concern.
4. Reference US Dept of Agriculture NCIE Guideline #1102.

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C. Livestock

Material from livestock, such as **sheep, pigs, and cows**, will require a special permit. Therefore, researchers planning to use a livestock animal model should contact BioPAL in advance.

