

International Shipping Requirements

NON-HUMAN PRIMATE SPECIMENS:

VRL requires all shippers to notify the lab before shipping any packages. Also, we require all documents (see check list below) including the validated CITES permit to be e-mailed (Anthony.Cooke@vrl.net) or faxed (1-210-615-7771) for review before shipping.

Samples should be shipped with dry ice or ice packs by using one of major carriers, e.g. World Courier, Marken, FedEx, or UPS.

The international shipment of specimens presents several problems that is not encountered with if it is shipped inside the borders of the United States. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Fish and Wildlife Service have requirements that must be met to allow the importation of simian products, including serum and tissues.

USDA:

The USDA requires the following documentation (VS Letter) accompany each shipment on the exporter's letterhead:

1. Identifying the material and naming the animal species.
2. Confirming that the material was not obtained from humans or non-human primates that have been

inoculated with or exposed to any livestock or poultry disease agent exotic to the United States.
3. Confirming that the material is not of tissue culture origin.
4. Confirming that the material is not zoonotic.

This information must be supplied as an ORIGINAL statement on shipper letterhead in a clear and concise manner and be available for review by the USDA Inspector at the port of arrival.

The complete Guidelines for Importation of Human and Nonhuman Primate Material can be obtained on the internet at

http://www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/plants/manuals/ports/downloads/apm.pdf

FDA:

The FDA requires a listing of each specimen including the total number of specimens, the volume of each and a description of the specimens. A copy of a Permit to Import or Transfer Etiological Agents or Vectors of Human Disease issued by the Center for Disease Control, Public Health Service is available on our website.

Fish and Wildlife Service:

Because all nonhuman primates are considered to be potentially endangered species, the Fish and Wildlife Service requires a CITES (Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species) permit for their importation. This requirement includes sera and tissues from all nonhuman primates. A copy of our Fish and Wildlife Service import license is also available on our website and needs to be included with the shipment.

Should you need to send specimens from outside the U. S. A., please contact us for copies of the appropriate documentation required, as well as information on obtaining a CITES permit.

Check list of all required documents: (Please send a copy of each document by e-mail: Anthony.Cooke@vrl.net or fax : 1-210-6157771 for review before shipping the package)

- 1) 1 original and 2 copies of CITES permit (prepared by the exporter).**

Please note that the CITES must be validated (signed and stamped) by the originating country's customs department or your package will be confiscated by U.S. customs department.

- 2) 3 copies of the VS letter on exporter's company letterhead**

- 3) 3 copies of VRL's CDC permit**

- 4) 3 copies of VRL's CDC label 5) 3 copies of VRL's Fish and Wildlife permit**

Please contact us to get our CDC and Fish & Wildlife permits by e-mail (Anthony.Cooke@vrl.net or Sylvia.GonzalezArroyo@vrl.net or Chih-Ling.Zao@vrl.net) or phone call (210- 615-7275)

Place all above documents OUTSIDE the shipping container. We recommend that an additional copy of each document should be placed inside the shipping container just in case any documents on the outside are accidentally missing or removed during shipping.