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Effective January 1, 2007:

All diagnostic and clinical specimen shipments transported by IATA carriers must show the new proper shipping name for UN 3373:

BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE, CATEGORY B

This new shipping name replaces the old “DIAGNOSTIC SPECIMEN.” Diagnostic and clinical specimen shipments still require the UN 3373 diamond marking. The marking must be at least 2 inches by 2 inches. The new proper shipping name “**BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE, CATEGORY B**” must be adjacent to the marking (See below). The name, address and phone number of a responsible person must be on the air waybill or marked on the package. Outer packages are now required to be rigid. At least one surface of the outer packaging must have a minimum dimension of 100 mm x 100 mm (4 inches x 4 inches).



Air carriers are now accepting the new labeling standard on all diagnostic specimen shipments.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Office of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) at 7-4712.

(References: IATA, FedEx, Saf-T-Pak, and Casing Corp.)