

SPECIMEN ADVICE SHEET – SAMPLE TRANSPORT ELIGIBILITY SUPPLEMENT

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Animal details

Owner name:

PIC:

Animal type

☐ Cattle ☐ Sheep/goats ☐ Pigs ☐ Poultry (refer to page 2 for poultry submissions)

Clinical signs (must show at least one of the below signs to be eligible*)

FMD (ruminants and pigs)

- ☐ Oral lesions/hypersalivation
☐ Hoof lesions/lameness
☐ Teat lesions

HPAI (poultry)

- ☐ Sudden death
☐ Respiratory signs
☐ Neurological signs

LSD (cattle)

- ☐ Skin lesions

ASF (pigs)

- ☐ Sudden death
☐ Fever (with anorexia and depression)

Additional clinical information

- ☐ A complete history and clinical information have been provided on the SAS

Specimens collected (must collect at least one of the below specimens to be eligible*)

FMD

- ☐ Oral/nasal/tonsillar swab
☐ Unpreserved vesicle fluid/epithelium/saliva

HPAI

- ☐ Oropharyngeal swab
☐ Cloacal swab

LSD

- ☐ Unpreserved skin
☐ Swab from skin lesion

ASF

- ☐ Oral/nasal/tonsillar swab
☐ Unpreserved tonsil/spleen/lung/kidney/lymph node

Additional specimens collected

- ☐ A complete list of specimens being submitted (including the above) has been provided on the SAS

Package information (see page 2 for additional information)

- ☐ The package weight is no greater than 20kg (cubic or actual)
☐ The package contains specimens belonging ONLY to eligible* submissions

Declaration

- ☐ I confirm this submission meets the eligibility criteria (as self-assessed using the above checklist)
☐ I confirm this submission is not being submitted under another paid program (e.g., NTSESP, NABSNet, NSDIP)
☐ I acknowledge that should the submission be deemed ineligible, I will be liable for courier costs
☐ I have included a copy of this supplement form and the Specimen Advice Sheet with my submission

Customer signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

*Please see page 2 for additional information on eligibility criteria

Proceed to [Priority EAD Transport Subsidy Pilot - Courier Details](#) to arrange collection of your package, ensuring you have the package dimensions and pick-up details ready to enter.

Ref:

Authorisation: C. de Jong

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Eligibility criteria
Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) exclusions

Eligible submissions are investigations of disease where presenting clinical signs warrant exclusion of the following diseases:

- **FMD** – foot-and-mouth disease
- **LSD** – lumpy skin disease
- **ASF** – African swine fever
- **HPAI** – high pathogenicity avian influenza

The minimum specimen(s) for exclusion of the EAD (as indicated on page 1) must also be collected for the submission to be deemed eligible.

NB. For highly suspect clinical cases, please call the EAD Hotline on 1800 675 888 or the BSL on 3708 8762 for advice on sample collection and/or priority transport and testing.

Poultry submissions

The following types of **owned** poultry, including commercial, hobby farm and backyard poultry, are eligible:

- all birds of the order Galliformes (e.g. chickens, turkeys, pheasants, partridge, quail, guinea fowl, peafowl)
- ducks
- geese
- pigeons and doves

Testing of hobby farm/backyard poultry will be limited to HPAI exclusion, with a wider range of diagnostic testing not being undertaken.

NB. For HPAI exclusion in **wild** birds please refer to [Avian influenza in wild birds – Information for veterinarians.pdf](#)

Packaging

Actual weight and cubic weight (dimensional size) of parcels must be under 20kg

To determine cubic weight, refer to quick reference guide below, OR:

1. Measure package in cm (e.g. 50L x 35W x 25H),
2. Convert to m and calculate volume (e.g. 0.5L x 0.35W x 0.25H = 0.04375)
3. Multiply by 250 (e.g. 0.04375 x 250 = 10.94 kg)

Quick reference guide

Dimensions (cm)	Volume (m ³)	Cubic weight (kg)
25 x 20 x 15	0.0075	1.9
30 x 25 x 20	0.015	3.8
30 x 30 x 25	0.025	5.6
40 x 30 x 25	0.03	7.5
40 x 40 x 25	0.04	10
50 x 40 x 30	0.06	15
45 x 45 x 40	0.072	18

- The package must include specimens from only eligible submissions. This may include specimens collected for EAD exclusion testing as well as specimens for wider diagnostic testing (except for backyard poultry – see above).

NB. Inclusion of specimens from non-eligible submissions will result in courier costs being charged to the submitter.

Office Use Only:

Consignment Number: _____ Initial _____

Pathologist Use only

☐ Eligible ☐ Not eligible

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