

Sample Packaging Protocol

Transport Canada regulations state that 3 levels of packaging are required as follows:

1. Primary Container (holds the sample)
 - a. Leak proof, plastic, wide mouth opening.
 - b. Outside of container must be clean to prevent contamination of sample.
 - c. Please Note: A single plastic bag is insufficient for solid specimens > 1Kg.
 - d. Do not submit liquid samples or solid samples within fluid in plastic bags.
2. Secondary Container
 - a. Leak proof and holds enough absorbent material to absorb all liquids/specimens in the primary container if there is any leakage.
 - b. Wide mouth opening.
3. Clean external surface: de-contaminate if required.
4. Tertiary Packaging
 - a. Can be a rigid cardboard box if sample < 10 lbs.
 - b. Should be rigid plastic (e.g. coolers), if specimen is > 10 lbs or specimen contains large volumes of liquid. These containers will NOT be returned!