

## INFECTIUOS SUBSTANCES

Infectious substances are substances which are known or are reasonably expected to contain pathogens. Pathogens are defined as micro-organisms (including bacteria, viruses, rickettsia, parasites, and fungi) and other agents such as prions, which can cause disease in humans or animals.

The infectious substances belong to Category A:

Category A: An infectious substance which is transported in a form that, when exposure to it occurs, is capable of causing permanent disability, life-threatening or fatal disease in otherwise healthy humans or animals.

Indicative examples of substances that meet these criteria are given in Table 3.6.D. of the IATA's D.G.R. Or follow this link [http://www.who.int/ihr/publications/who\\_hse\\_ihr\\_2012.12/es/](http://www.who.int/ihr/publications/who_hse_ihr_2012.12/es/) for more information.

### Documentation

The shipper must provide the following documents:

- A Dangerous Goods Declaration
- A packing list, preformed invoice or a letter signed by a physician with the number of packages and a description of their contents
- An import or export (or both) permit or declaration (or both) if necessary.

Shippers of infectious substances must comply with these Regulations and must ensure their packages are prepared in such a manner that they arrive at their destination in good condition and present no hazard to persons or animals during transport.

### PACKAGING

The infectious substances under Category A can only be transported in packages in full compliance with the specifications of Division 6.2 of The United Nations and the Packing Instruction ( please refer to prior Spanish Page for Photo and Descriptions.)

