IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations (Sending samples abroad)

Patient specimens for which there is minimal likelihood that pathogens are present are not subject to those Regulations if the specimen is packed in a packaging which will prevent any leakage and which is marked with the words "Exempt human specimen" or "Exempt animal specimen" as appropriate. The packaging must meet the following conditions:

- a) The packaging must consist of three components:
 - 1. a leak-proof primary receptacle(s)
 - 2. a leak-proof secondary packaging and
 - an outer packaging of adequate strength for its capacity mass and intended use and with at least one surface having minimum dimensions of 100 mm x 100 mm.
- b) For liquids, absorbent materials in sufficient quantity to absorb the entire contents must be placed between the primary receptacle (s) and the secondary packaging so that during transport any release or leak of a liquid substance will not reach the outer packaging and will not compromise the integrity of the cushioning material
- c) When multiple fragile primary receptacles are placed in a single secondary packaging they must be either individually wrapped or separated to prevent contact between them.