

# DANGEROUS GOODS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

The investigator site is responsible for ensuring their staff is properly trained per their national regulations. The changes to current regulations should be considered when assessing how training of staff fits into your risk management program.

## **Dry Ice and other Dangerous Goods:**

It is necessary for all individuals involved in the preparation or transport of dangerous goods to be properly trained and tested initially, with follow-up training every 24 months. Additional training updates are required any time the applicable regulations change.

- Function specific training for preparing and shipping frozen samples on dry ice is a requirement.
- Some chemical fixatives and UN2814 Category A Infectious substances require a more traditional training program to ensure compliance with national and international rule making governing the packing and shipping of these substances.

## **UN3373 Biological Substance, Category B (formerly known as Diagnostic specimens):**

Biological Substance, Category B are specimens being transported for “investigational purposes”. Effective 01 January 2005, training requirements for persons responsible for packing and shipping Biological Substance, Category B, UN3373, has been redefined in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Technical Instructions as well as the International Air Transport Association (IATA) dangerous goods regulations.

- Comprehensive formal training normally associated with other dangerous goods has been eliminated and replaced with the requirement for the shipper to be “familiar” with the specific regulations pertaining to packing and shipping of Biological Substances, Category B.

Labcorp Central Laboratory Services recommends that investigator sites provide some form of familiarization training to their staff for the preparation and shipping of UN3373 Biological Substance, Category B. We also recommend establishing a record of your staff’s training and date of the instruction.

## **List of Dangerous Goods training programs**

The following is a list of several available training programs. Labcorp Central Laboratory Services does not advocate or endorse one particular program. This is not an all-inclusive list.

DGI Training Center 800-338-2291 DGIttraining.com Provides IATA Certified Air Seminars and online courses	IATA Training Schools North America 1(514)390-6726 Europe, Africa, & Middle East 41 (22) 799 2751 Asia, Australia & the Pacific 65 239 7232 www.iata.org Training schools located in 30 countries
Saf-T Pak Inc. www.saftpak.com Provides dangerous goods training via CD or on-site instruction for North America and Europe	Airconsult e-mail: Airconsult@wanadoo.fr www.airconsult-bf.com
Bureau of Dangerous Goods LTD.,TIANJIN Addr.: No.3 Yingshui road, Nankai district, Tianjin China Tel: 022-23495890 83326960 83326854 / Fax: 022-83326959 Email: cdmin@bdg-china.com.cn www.bdg-china.com.cn	

The training records must be made available upon request by the appropriate national authority.  
US sites: Additional information from the Department of Transportation (DOT) can be found on their website, <http://hazmat.dot.gov>