

Certification for export/import of specimens



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Introduction



- In addition to –
- IATA documentations- labels
 - Airway bill
 - Packing list
- Also need
 - Import certificate/license
 - Transit certificate or license
 - Export certificate
 - Other related documents

Procedure laid down in OIE Code

Why certification



- To prevent the introduction and spread of animal diseases and thus protecting livestock industry in the transit country(ies) and importing country
- To guard against accidental release of animal pathogens from laboratories that are using them for various purposes such as research, diagnosis or the manufacture of vaccines.

Importation of animal pathogens



- Should be permitted only under an import licence issued by the relevant authority
- The import licence should contain conditions appropriate to
 - ✓ the risk posed by the pathogen
 - ✓ the appropriate standards of the IATA concerning the packaging and transport of hazardous substances.
 - ✓ Special Biosecurity/biocontainment measures
- Also consider among others
 - ✓ nature of the material,
 - ✓ the animal from which it is derived,
 - ✓ the animal health situation of the country of origin.
- It may be advisable to require that material is pre-treated before import to minimise the risk of inadvertent introduction of a pathogen.

Licences should specify:



- how the pathogen is to be transported and the disposal of the packaging;
- the name of the person responsible for the work;
- whether the pathogen may be used *in vivo* (and if so whether in laboratory animals or other animals) and/or only *in vitro*;
- how the pathogen and any experimental animals should be disposed of when the work is completed;
- limitations on contact by laboratory staff with species susceptible to the pathogens being used;
- conditions for the transfer of pathogens to other laboratories;
- specific conditions relating to the appropriate containment level and biosecurity procedures and practices.

Examples of certs



- Import cert 1 [Import Permit VWA 13-01-2010 Merial Worldwide.pdf](#)
- Import cert 2 [BVI Master Import.pdf](#)
- Transit cert [BVI Master Transit Permit .pdf](#)
- Export cert [Export cert.jpg](#)
- CVED [CVED form BOTSWANA.doc](#)
- Cved2 [136 2004 Veterinary checks at EC borders for import pathogens.pdf](#)
- End use 1 [END USER UNDERTAKING0001.jpg](#)
- End use 2 [END-USE CERTIFICATE.doc](#)

Oie experiences



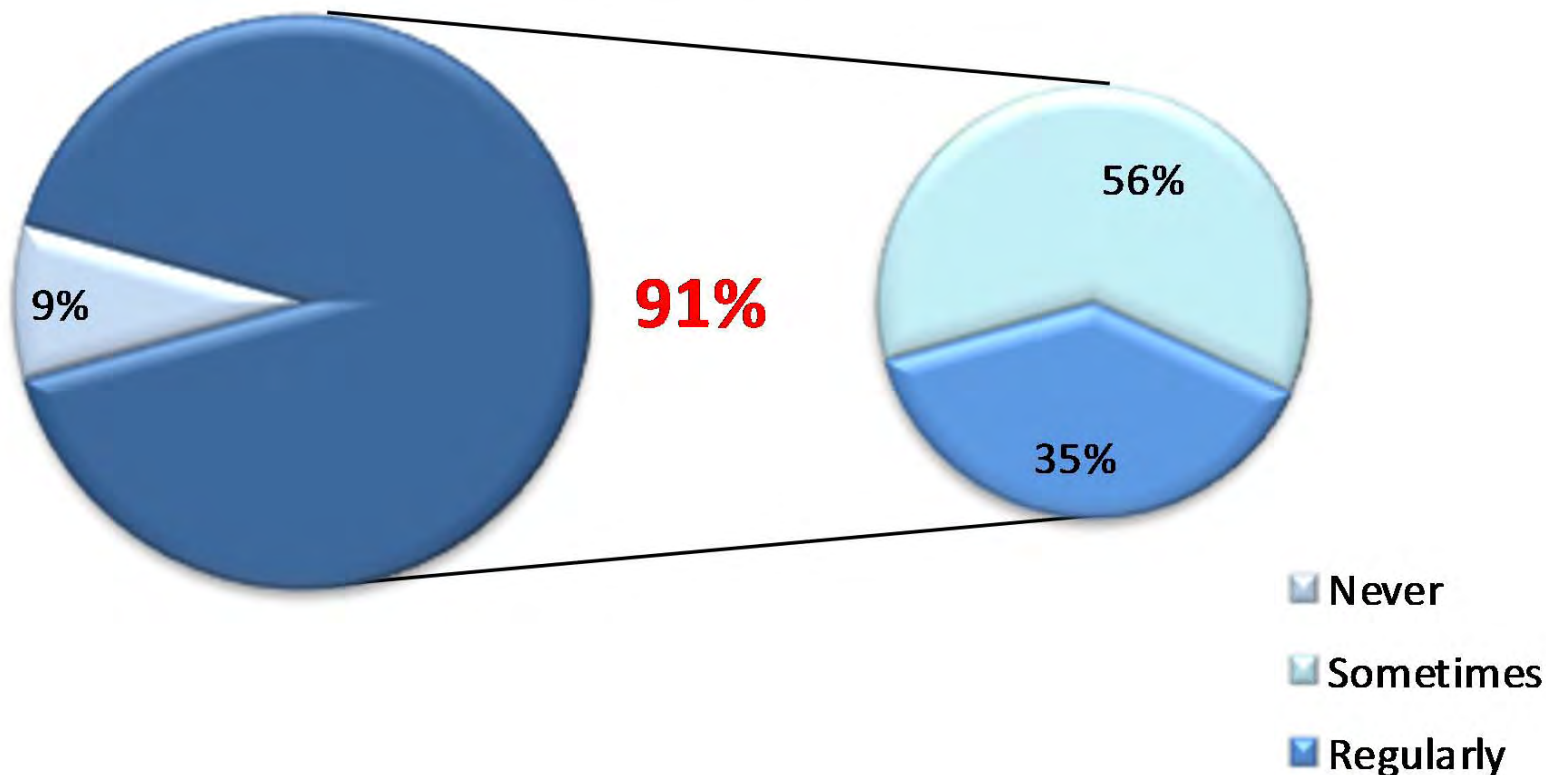
- In Dec. 2006 and following a questionnaire survey, 80% of OIE Reference Laboratories replied that they were experiencing problems with shipments of biological samples by air.
- In spite of improvements that have been realised over the years, problems still reported with this type of shipment.
- Questionnaire developed to identify the most up-to date situation concerning these problems.

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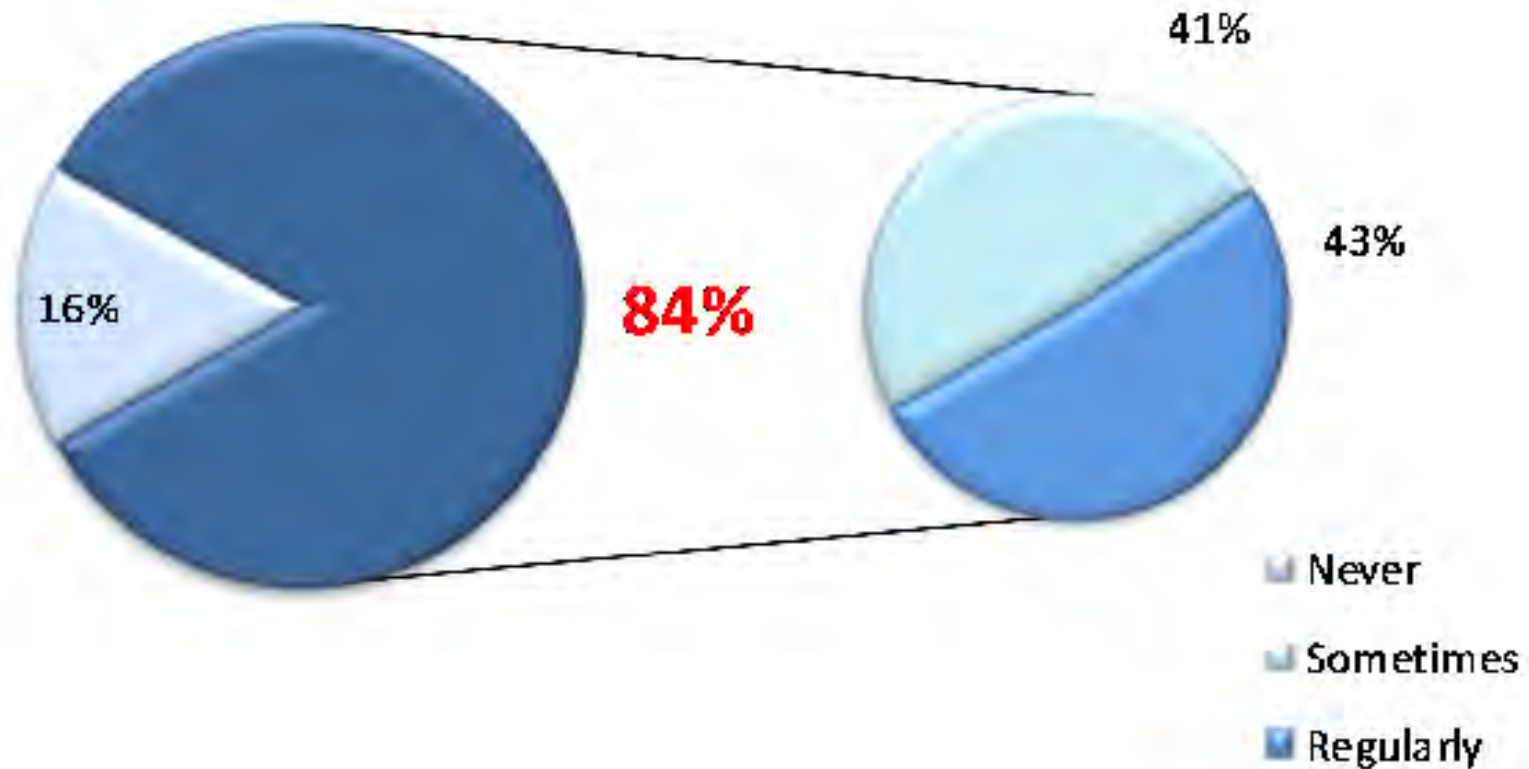


- 129 questionnaires received / 222 RLs and CCs (2009) but **nearly 80% of replies.**

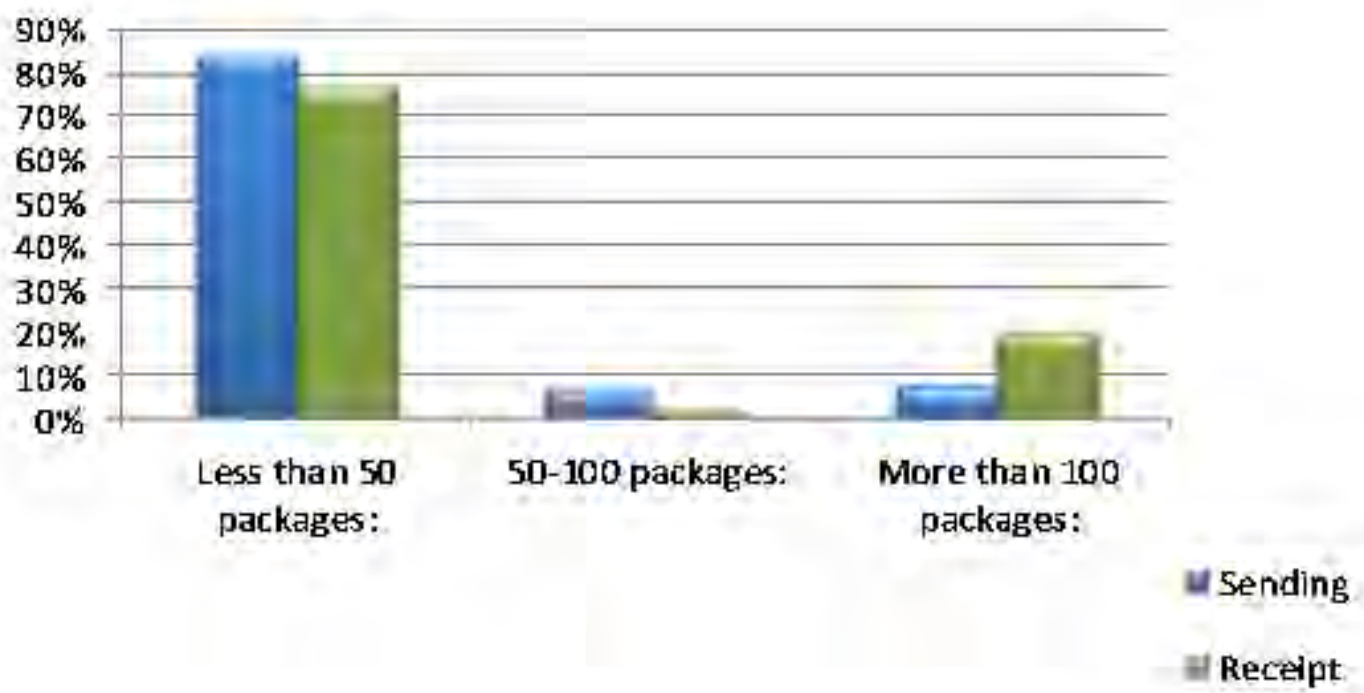
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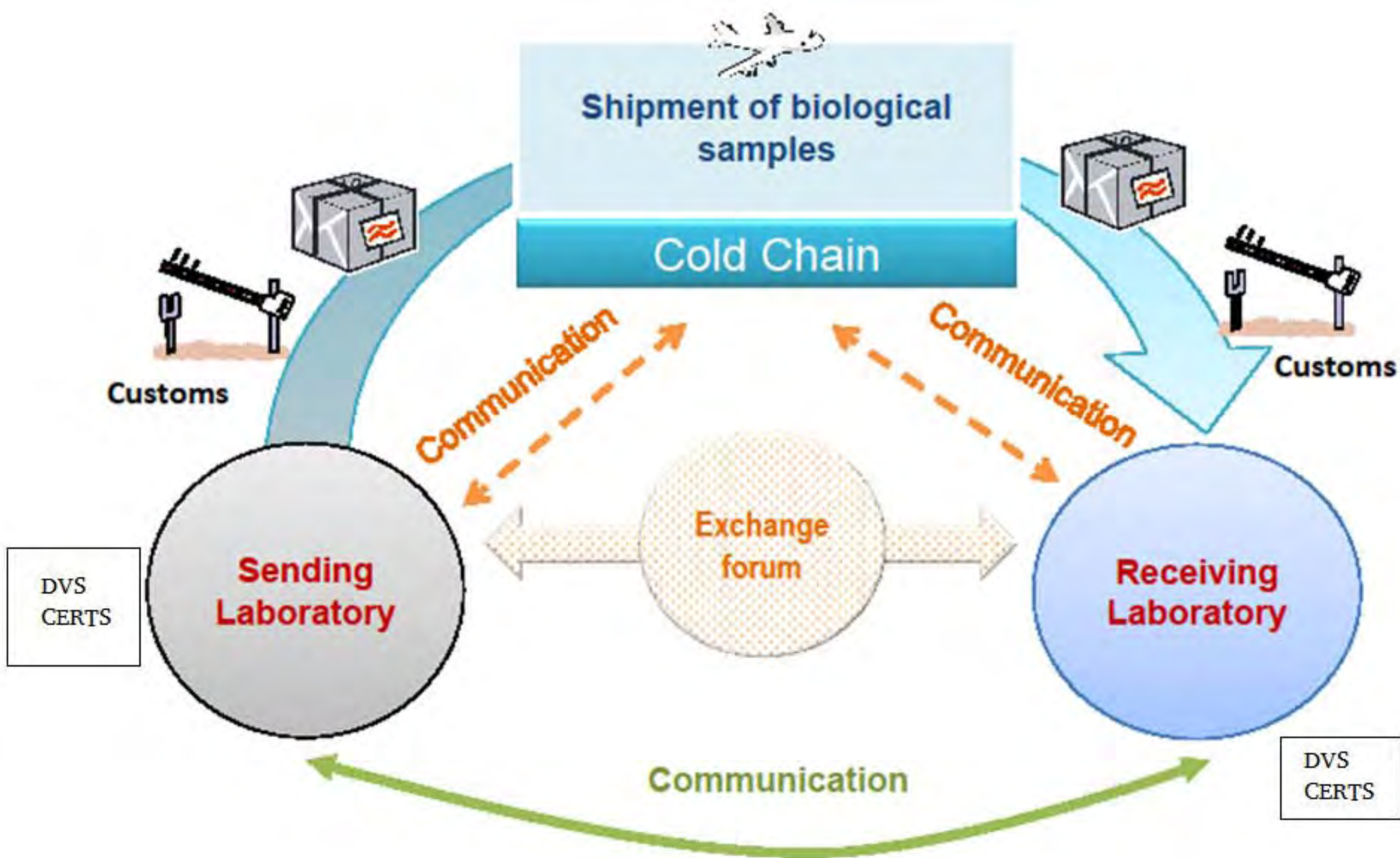


Frequency of diagnostic reagents sent by air



Approximate number of packages of IAS sent and received during the past 12 months







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