Classification Flow Chart

Sample for Classification

Are all micro-organisms present non-pathogenic to humans and animals?
Have the pathogens present been neutralized or inactivated so they no longer pose a health risk?
Is it a dried bloodspot or fecal occult blood?
Is it intended for transplant/transfusion?
Is it known NOT to contain an infectious substance?

NO or UNKNOWN

Is your sample on the list of indicative examples of Category A infectious substances?
- or -
Is your sample capable of causing permanent disability, life-threatening or fatal disease in otherwise healthy humans or animals?

YES

Does your sample affect animals only?

NO

UN 2900
Infectious substance, affecting animals
PI 602

UN 2814
Infectious substance, affecting humans
PI 602

UN 3373
Biological substance, Category B
PI 650

Exempt
human specimen
or
Exempt
animal specimen
(PI 650 recommended)

YES

Is it a direct patient specimen for which a professional judgment has determined that it has a minimal likelihood of containing a pathogen?

NO

UN 3245
Genetically modified organisms and micro-organisms
PI 913

Not Regulated

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1 Anyone who attempts to classify an infectious substance must be trained and certified.

2 In determining if a patient specimen has a minimal likelihood that a pathogen is present, an element of professional judgment is required. That judgment should be based on known patient medical history, symptoms and individual circumstances of the source, human or animal and endemic local conditions.