
Sending Samples to Australia from Overseas

The Animal Genetics Laboratory holds permits from Australian Quarantine to import the following biological samples:

- Hair, tissue, blood, semen, body fluids
- Genetic material (DNA or RNA)

Semen **MUST** be NON-VIABLE.

Hair samples are the best sample type to send from overseas as they do not require refrigeration.

Depending on the country you are sending from, the samples may need to be irradiated. If samples require irradiation the charges will be billed to the sender. New Zealand, USA and many other countries are **exempt** from irradiation. A full list is available through AGL.

Processing fees from Quarantine may also apply and will be passed in full.

When sending hair samples, follow these steps:

1. Print out our Import Permit (available from <https://animal-genetics.lab.uq.edu.au/forms>)
2. Place the hair samples and relevant paperwork **inside an unsealed envelope** addressed to:

Animal Genetics Laboratory
School of Veterinary Science
Building 8114
The University of Queensland
Gatton QLD Australia 4343

3. Enclose this package in a larger envelope, addressed and posted directly to Quarantine. **You will need to secure our Import Permit, Manufacturer's Declaration and Agreement for Irradiation Processing (if relevant) to the outside of this larger envelope.**

ATTENTION QUARANTINE
Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
25-27 Qantas Drive
BRISBANE AIRPORT, QLD 4008
AUSTRALIA

4. Send samples via registered post or courier. Send an email to agl@uq.edu.au outlining the sample details.

Any samples that come direct to AGL will be sent to AQIS for inspection and will result in delays and additional administration fees.