

Nancy Laboratory for Rabies and Wildlife

Lyssavirus Unit - Diagnosis / Vaccine team

Official Control Authority Batch Release (OCABR) Guideline for rabies inactivated vaccines submission

For rabies OCABR, samples of each batch to be controlled should be provided to the following address:

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Shipping:

Samples of veterinary rabies vaccine should be sent in a refrigerated parcel, by the fastest means. Please do not send samples late in the week: Monday-Wednesday shipping is best. Insure that vials are properly protected to avoid any damage.

Samples:

All vials should be clearly labelled. The labelling must contain the name of the vaccine, and the batch number. In case of freeze-dried vaccine, rehydration buffer should be provided if possible.

A copy of the manufacturer's protocol for OCABR and a submission letter should be joined to each provided batch. This letter should contain the following information:

- Name and address of the applicant
- Trade name of the vaccine
- Batch number
- Number of vials
- Expiry date
- Appearance specification of the vaccine
- Storage temperature
- Buffer and volume to be used for rehydration (in case of freeze-dried sample)

Please note that the number of samples to provide for each batch depends on the volume of each vial of rabies vaccine:

Volume of each vial	Number of samples required
≤ 2 mL	20
> 2 mL	5