

Samples for pre-export testing of U.S. origin dogs for *Trypanosoma evansi* (surra) must be sent to an WOAHO/OIE Reference Laboratory. The following is guidance on submitting samples to the Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITM) in Antwerp (Antwerpen), Belgium:

Please **share this information with your USDA-accredited veterinarian** and follow the guidance provided by the laboratory: <https://labo.itg.be/en/analysen/trypanosoma-evansi-antibodies/>

#### NOTES:

- Samples must be drawn by a USDA-accredited veterinarian.
- Samples must be accompanied by a printed copy of the **ITM Import Permit** (pages 2-4 of this document).
  - A copy of the ITM Import Permit must be attached on the **outside** of the parcel with transport documents.
  - **NOTE:** The sender is responsible for completing a shipper's statement, as outlined on the ITM Import Permit.
- On the Test Submission Form (page 5 of this document):
  - Include the animal's microchip number on the submission, under "Chip:"
  - Be sure to include an email address in the "Invoice" box for billing purposes.
  - "Credit Card" is the only acceptable form of payment.
  - Be sure to note the "**Date sample taken**" as the date the blood sample was collected.
    - **NOTE: Test results are only valid for 30 days from the Date sample taken to the Date of travel to South Africa.**
  - South Africa requires **BOTH** the Card Agglutination Test (CATT) for antibodies **AND** the microscopic examination of a smear after Giemsa staining.
    - Under "Analyses requested:" boxes should be checked for **BOTH** "Trypanosoma evansi antibodies (**CATT**) (recommended by OIE)" and "Trypanosoma evansi microscopy (**smear**) (recommended by OIE)"
- Payment - after receiving the samples, an invoice will be sent via email. Once full payment is received, the ITM laboratory will release the test results to the requesting veterinary or laboratory.
  - Cost estimations include:
 

| Pricing for Commercial Labs: |                | Pricing for Private Individuals: |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| CATT <i>T.evansi</i> :       | 55 Euro / test | CATT <i>T.evansi</i> :           | 56 Euro / test |
| Microscopic examination:     | 55 Euro / test | Microscopic examination:         | 56 Euro / test |
| Administration cost:         | NONE           | Administration cost:             | 23.50 Euro     |

    - This does not include the shipping charges or import taxes. Those are the responsibility of the submitter/shipper.
- Carefully follow the sample submission instructions for both tests:
  - **CATT:** Minimum 1-ml serum
  - **Microscopic examination:** Unstained good quality smears made from fresh blood
- Samples must be sent as "UN 3373 Biological substance, Category B" and be accompanied by a copy of the ITM Import Permit (pages 2-4 of this document). Per the ITM Import Permit, the phrase "**Diagnostic samples - Do not open during transport**" must be printed on the outside of the parcel.
- **\*\*\*Samples MUST be shipped via \*DHL, \*World Courier, or FedEx** (\*DHL and \*World Courier are preferred. FedEx acceptance of samples varies by location). For a declared value please state, "**samples, no commercial value**" or a maximum value of \$5.00, if monetary value must be declared. (For shipping questions, please email [surra@itg.be](mailto:surra@itg.be)). You may **not** use UPS for shipping purposes. Please indicate "**inco terms DPD (delivery duty paid)**" on the AWB/commercial invoice, as all costs, including taxes, duties, clearance are paid by the exporter.
- Microscopic examination is performed once a week and CATT tests are performed on Monday afternoons on all samples received **by 2:00 pm Monday local time**. **\*Urgent testing is possible with a fee of an additional 10%\***
- The sender **MUST** email the ITM laboratory and dispatching service when samples have been sent so that ITM can work with the Belgian border inspection post (per the ITM Import Permit). Send emails to [surra@itg.be](mailto:surra@itg.be) and [shipments@itg.be](mailto:shipments@itg.be) and include the following:
  - Name of courier (must use **FedEx** or **DHL** or **World Courier** - shipping UPS is **not** permitted)
  - Package tracking number
  - Expected arrival date and time
  - Submitting USDA-accredited veterinarian's name and contact information, including email address.
  - Number of samples for testing, and species (Ex: canine)
  - Name and email of individual responsible for payment

Ship samples to: **Institute of Tropical Medicine  
Applied Technology & Production Unit  
Nationalestraat 155  
B-2000 Antwerpen  
Tel: 32 (0)3 247 63 74 or 32 (0)3 247 63 51 or 32 (0)3 247 63 68**

**Disclaimer:** This document is only an informative English copy of the original valid permit

CA-Botanique  
Food Safety Center  
Boulevard du Jardin  
Botanique, 55  
B-1000 Brussels

Instituut voor Tropische Geneeskunde  
att. Caroline Rombouts  
Nationalestraat 155  
2000 Antwerpen

**DC Control**

Central Direction  
Import

Your letter from  
02/07/2024

Your references  
ABD-TT&P-SURRA

Our references  
2024DBP394  
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Annexes

Date<sup>1</sup>

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Correspondent Magali Van Waerebeke, [import@favv-afsca.be](mailto:import@favv-afsca.be), +32 2 211 85 24  
Subject Import of of samples from dogs from various third countries

Dear,

With this letter, we grant you an import permit for the following consignment:

Nature: Serum samples and blood smears from dogs  
- Category 1-material

Quantity/number: 2 samples per dog: ~250 sera and ~250 blood smears

Shipped from: Different research centra - Various third countries

Country of origin: Various third countries

Destination: Instituut voor Tropische Geneeskunde  
Toegepaste technologie& Productie  
Nationalestraat 155, 2000 Antwerpen  
(BE 705/0019)

Purpose: Parasitological (microscopy on blood smear) and serological  
examination (CATT test on serum sample) for the diagnosis of  
*Trypanosoma evansi*

Border Control Zaventem, other EU  
Post: (documentary check)

Conditions:

- **The products are exclusively destined for Instituut voor Tropische Geneeskunde at 2000 Antwerpen and must be shipped directly to this destination ;**

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<sup>1</sup> The date of sending is the one indicated in the electronic signature.

- The consignment must also be accompanied by a **declaration delivered by the shipper** which must specify:
  - o the description of the material and the animal species of origin;
  - o the category of the material;
  - o the quantity of the material
  - o the place of origin and the place of dispatch of the material;
  - o the name and the address of the consignor
  - o the name and the address of the consignee and/or user.
- The samples must be packaged in leak-proof packaging ;
- The consignment is packaged in such a manner as to prevent accidental opening and breakage of the package and possible vials ;
- A label attached to the packaging of the samples must mention the following: name and address of the shipper and destination, the wording 'For research and diagnostic purposes - Do not open during transport' ;
- The packaging must comply with the safety conditions for international transport and manipulation (for air freight: IATA-conditions) ;
- In the laboratory of destination the samples may not be used for experiments on animals, and all necessary measures must be taken to avoid the spreading of diseases communicable to humans or animals, in particular by way of the application of good laboratory practices ;
- Unless they are kept for reference purposes or redispached to the third country of origin, research and diagnostic samples and any products derived from the use of those samples shall, after finalization of the research, be disposed of in conformity with the conditions in annex XIV, chapter III, section 1 of Regulation (CE) no. 142/2011 ;
- In case the conditions mentioned above are not or insufficiently followed, the laboratory of destination will be held responsible for all consequences following thereof.

**The veterinarian of the border control post, mentioned above, must be notified at least 24 hours before arrival of the samples through TRACES about the day and hour that the consignment will be presented for official control.**

**This import permit does not affect the legal requirements under the competence of other governmental administrations.**

**In case of animals under the scope of the CITES legislation, a CITES permit will be required.**

**This permit can at all times be withdrawn by the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain and must immediately be returned by the importer on request of this Agency.**

**THIS PERMIT IS VALID DURING A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS AFTER DELIVERY.**

Yours sincerely,

By order of the Director-general

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Veldeman  
(Signature)** Digitally signed by  
Audrey Veldeman  
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Filip Barbé  
Coordinator Sector Import

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BCP Zaventem  
FPS Public Health, Security of the Food chain and Environment

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Nationalestraat 155

B-2000 Antwerpen

Tel.: (03)247 63 51 – (03)345 55 75 – (03)247 63 74

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WOAH Reference Laboratory  
for surra

**OWNER**

Name:

**ANIMAL**

Name:

Passport:

Date of birth:

Chip (**REQUIRED**):

Animal species:

Tattoo:

Breed:

Sex:

**VETERINARY PRACTICE**

Name:

Tel.:

Address:

E-mail:

**REQUESTING LABORATORY**

Name:

Tel.:

Address:

E-mail:

**INVOICE**

Name:

Tel.:

Address:

E-mail:

Payment by :  Bank transfer

Credit card (E-mail address required)

VAT-number:

Date sample taken:

Export to country: **South Africa**

Date of travel:

**ANALYSES REQUESTED**

- Trypanosoma evansi* antibodies (CATT) (recommended by OIE)
- Trypanosoma evansi* microscopy (smear) (recommended by OIE)
- Trypanosoma evansi* immune-trypanolysis (confirmation of positive CATT result - **consent required**)
- Trypanosoma evansi* antibodies (ELISA Equidae, Camelidae)
- Trypanosoma evansi* PCR