

CLARIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONS FOR PACKAGING INFECTIOUS SUBSTANCES AND CLINICAL (DIAGNOSTIC) SPECIMENS

NOTE:

Category A microorganisms and cultures must be packaged according to PI 602.

Category B microorganisms must be packaged according to PI 650.

COMPARISON of PI650 and PI602		
Feature	PI 650	PI 602
Primary container	Present	Present
Secondary container	Present	Present
Outer container	Present	Present
Absorbent material for entire contents	Present	Present
United Nations design type testing* (performance requirements)		
1.2 m drop test	Must pass	Not required
9 m drop test	Not required	Must pass
Puncture test	Not required	Must pass
Water immersion test	Not required	Must pass
Test reports	Should be available	Must be available
UN approval mark	Not required	Required
Minimum dimensions	Not defined	Defined
Volume and weight restrictions	Not defined	Defined
Packaging size restrictions	Not defined	Defined
*PI 650 packages are not required to meet UN performance requirements provided they pass a 1.2m drop test.		