



# List of international veterinary diagnostic laboratories for submission of suspected Pandemic H1N1 2009 swine samples or isolates

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Pandemic H1N1 2009 related information is available on the FAO and OIE websites. General guidance for the international shipment of samples for laboratory diagnostics is available at this [link](#).

If assistance is needed for shipment, please contact [empres-shipping-service@fao.org](mailto:empres-shipping-service@fao.org).

Below is the interim list of laboratories that have agreed to receive Pandemic H1N1 2009 suspected specimens and/or isolates with short notice, considering that there is currently no designated OIE/FAO reference laboratory for swine influenza. **OFFLU is thankful to all of these laboratories for their international assistance.**

It is highly recommended to contact the laboratory before preparing shipments.

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## AUSTRALIA

### *Australian Animal Health Laboratory [AAHL]*

#### Conditions

Specimens from mammalian animal species for diagnosis or confirmation of the Pandemic H1N1 2009 Influenza can be accepted from countries that are recognized free of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)<sup>1</sup>. Nucleic acid preparations containing no viable virus may be accepted from any country.

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<sup>1</sup> Listed in OIE FMD free countries at [http://www.oie.int/eng/Status/FMD/en\\_fmd\\_free.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/Status/FMD/en_fmd_free.htm)

## CANADA

### *National Centre for Foreign Animal Disease [NCFAD]*

#### Conditions

Diagnostic specimens from mammalian animal species for diagnosis or confirmation of the Pandemic H1N1 2009 can be shipped internationally to Canada through Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport.

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## FRANCE

### *Agence française de sécurité sanitaire des aliments [AFSSA]*

#### Conditions

Specimens from mammalian animal species for diagnosis or confirmation of the Pandemic H1N1 2009 Influenza can be accepted from countries that are recognized free of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD)<sup>2</sup> and can be shipped directly to AFSSA. Nucleic acid preparations containing no viable virus may be accepted from any country.

#### Contact

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AFSSA-LERAPP

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<sup>2</sup> Listed in OIE FMD free countries at [http://www.oie.int/eng/Status/FMD/en\\_fmd\\_free.htm?](http://www.oie.int/eng/Status/FMD/en_fmd_free.htm?)

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## GERMANY

### *Friedrich-Loeffler Institut [FLI]*

#### Conditions

Specimens from mammalian animal species for diagnosis or confirmation of the Pandemic H1N1 2009 Influenza can be accepted from all countries. Shipments containing samples from countries not declared free of foot and mouth disease (FMD) should be marked on the outside "NFFMD". All shipments should be made through airport Berlin-Tegel using UN 3373 declaration for diagnostic samples and UN2814 for isolates.

#### Contacts

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## ITALY

### *Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale delle Venezie [IZS-Ve]*

#### Conditions

Diagnostic specimens from mammalian animal species for diagnosis or confirmation of the Pandemic H1N1 2009 can be shipped internationally to Italy with UN Code UN3373. Virus strains should be transported through Milan Malpensa Airport or Rome Fiumicino Airport with UN code UN2814.

#### Contact

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## THE NETHERLANDS

### *Central Veterinary Institute [CVI Lelystad]*

#### Conditions

All specimens from mammalian animal species for diagnosis or confirmation of the Pandemic H1N1 2009 should be imported through Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam.

#### Contact

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## UK

### *Veterinary Laboratories Agency, Weybridge [VLA]*

#### Conditions

Specimens from mammalian animal species for diagnosis or confirmation of Pandemic H1N1 2009 Influenza can be accepted from countries that are recognized free of FMD<sup>3</sup> and SVD, VS, CSF, ASF<sup>4</sup> (according to OIE status) and can be shipped through London. Nucleic acid preparations containing no viable virus may be accepted from any country.

Specimens from mammalian animal species for diagnosis or confirmation of the Pandemic H1N1 2009 Influenza can be accepted from countries that are recognized

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<sup>3</sup> Listed in OIE FMD free countries at [http://www.oie.int/eng/Status/FMD/en\\_fmd\\_free.htm](http://www.oie.int/eng/Status/FMD/en_fmd_free.htm)

<sup>4</sup> World Animal Health Information Database (WAHID) Interface  
(<http://www.oie.int/wahis/public.php?page=home>)

free of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD). Nucleic acid preparations (RNA samples) containing no viable virus may be accepted from any country.

## Contact

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## USA

### *National Veterinary Services Laboratories [NVSL]*

#### Conditions

- All Central American and Caribbean countries/territories can send samples directly to NVSL, Ames, Iowa provided that contacting the laboratory well in advance.
- All South American countries should send samples to the Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory (FADDL), Plum Island, proper contact is necessary.

#### Contacts

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