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Dear Dr. Garbutt,

Quintiles Laboratories would like to bring to your attention that shipping regulations concerning dangerous goods are now being intensely enforced by transportation regulatory agencies. International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods (DG) regulations state that “anyone in a position involving the air transport of dangerous goods,” which includes all infectious specimens and dry ice, must be trained, tested and certified in IATA DG Regulations. Also, all certified trainees must receive recurrent training as required by their national regulatory authority, e.g., U.S. regulations require recurrent training every 24 months; Canadian regulations require it every 12 months. It is particularly important to note that this most certainly affects all personnel at Investigator Sites who ship dangerous goods. The reference for this requirement is IATA DG Regulation 1.5-1.5.4, found in the IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations Publication.

Quintiles Laboratories Worldwide is not authorized to provide this training for the Investigator Sites. Therefore, advisories given at Investigator Meetings, through videos or printed information, must not be misunderstood as a substitute for the training required by IATA DG Regulations.

However, Quintiles Laboratories wishes to assist with this important issue by providing global references, which we have listed on the enclosed page.

We hope that these references are helpful. Please contact your Quintiles Laboratory Project Manager if further clarification or information is needed regarding this regulatory notice.

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