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| Food          | ASAP            | NA                   | • If possible send in original packaging or container.  
• Sterile/Aseptic technique is necessary for handling and packaging food items.  
• Items must be individually bagged in sterile, leak-proof containers.  
• Amount: 100 grams (3.5 ounces) of specimen required. Preferably large muscle tissue or highly oxygenated muscle (e.g. diaphragm, tongue, jaw, shank) | NA | • **Transport device**: Sterile, leak-proof container.  
• **Rejection Criteria**:  
  o Testing not approved by CDE.  
  o Leaking or inappropriately packaged specimen.  
  o Improper storage or shipping conditions.  
• **Transport**: See storage requirements.  
• **Storage**: Keep refrigerated foods at 0°-4°C. Frozen foods should be kept frozen. Dry/canned goods may be stored at room temperature. |

*Preferred specimen type, if applicable  
**All specimens must be shipped meeting IATA, OSHA, and USPS requirements.  
NA: Not Applicable 
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General Rejection Criteria (for additional details, see S&H)

- Unaccepted specimen type.
- Leaky specimen.
- Failure to follow specific S&H requirements.

Collection kit availability

Not available.

Comments

- If necessary, please contact laboratory before collection or shipping for additional assistance.