

Don't Send Samples and Safety Issues

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The most important things to know for sample safety is to submit the sample list in early – at least two weeks before the experiment, and generally sooner is better.

There are restrictions on the materials that can be brought to SPring-8, and, ESPECIALLY, if you bring them into the country from outside Japan you may need additional paperwork! Safety group will usually tell you. However, if you submit the sample form late then it can be very tricky to do everything in time. Better to submit the form early.

For those who wish to investigate what samples may be considered poisonous or deleterious, please see the web sites as follows (kindly provided by C. Furutani). Note well these lists are *not* stable – but are updated from time to time.

"Poisonous and Deleterious Substances Control Law" by National Institute of Health Sciences
http://www.nihs.go.jp/law/dokugeki/eng_dokugeki.html

Poisonous Substances: <http://www.nihs.go.jp/law/dokugeki/doku.html>

Deleterious Substances: http://www.nihs.go.jp/law/dokugeki/eng_geki.html

Specified Poisonous Substances: http://www.nihs.go.jp/law/dokugeki/eng_toku.html

It is our preference that you bring the samples with you as opposed to sending them. If you send them, especially from outside Japan, they can get slowed, e.g., in customs, and delay experiments and/or cause additional work for SPring-8 staff. If you absolutely must send them then get an experienced company that can deal with the paperwork. If you bring them by hand, you may still need paperwork. Further, sending them back to you can be similarly tricky, as well as expensive. Note also that we do not dispose of samples originating outside of SPring-8. You are expected to return them to their point of origin.