CENTRE FOR AIDS REAGENTS

HANDLING CHARGES

The National Institute for Biological Standards and Control, a Centre of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA-NIBSC) is a not-for-profit, government body whose purpose is to safeguard and enhance public health through the standardisation and control of biologicals used in medicine. Since its establishment in 1989, the Centre for AIDS Reagents (CFAR) has been providing HIV/AIDS research scientists and others working in this field with a broad range of specialised reagents, many of which are not available elsewhere.

CFAR remains committed to providing affordable, high quality reagents to scientists, often with limited budgets and therefore we continue to strive to keep the costs of obtaining materials as low as possible. Our handling charges are important in helping to maintain the facility and have been kept as low as possible. Our current handling charges are as follows:

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| **Reagent Type** | **Handling Charge / vial (£)** |
| Cell Lines | 50.00 |
| Viruses | 50.00 |
| DNA Clones | 50.00 (individual clones)15.00 (per vial when requesting a set of clones\*) |
| Monoclonal Antibodies | 50.00 |
| Antisera | 50.00 |
| Sera | 50.00 |
| Proteins | 100.00 |
| Peptides – single/set | 25.00 (individual peptides) 15.00 (per peptide within a set of peptides\*). |
| Chemokines | 66.00 (Except IL-2 which is £30 per vial or £25 per vial for orders of 4 or more) |
| ARVs | 90.00 |
| Miscellaneous Reagents | 100.00 |
| SIV RNA Panel | 125.00 per panel (5 members) |

\*a set is a series of peptides or clones with a common repository number and the suffix .1, .2 etc

***Note: These charges will be kept under review and are subject to change.***

**DELIVERY CHARGES**

There are stringent regulations for the shipping of infectious material and dangerous goods (such as Dry Ice) within the UK and worldwide. We attempt to keep our shipping costs as low as possible, and review these regularly to ensure that we continue to provide a cost effective efficient service.

Our courier is currently DHL Express, where DHL Express do not have an available service we will use **\***DHL Global Airfreight.

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|  | **Ambient** | **Ice Packs** | **Dry Ice** | **Infectious****Cat B ^** | **Infectious****Cat A^** |
| UK | £18 | £18 | £30 | £56 | £412 |
| EU | £48 | £48 | £68 | £94 | £412 |
| International | £48 | £48 | £68 | £94 | £412 |
| \*DHL Global | £346 | £346 | £386 | £412 | £412 |

**^** Cat B material is Sera/Plasma and Cat A materials are cultured viral SNF or infected cells

Please contact us if you require further details or clarification.

**For UK customers. VAT is charged on the total charge unless you have a certificate of exemption from the VAT authority.**

**For non-UK EU customers. Please supply your VAT number. Otherwise NIBSC has to charge UK VAT on the total charge unless you have a certificate of exemption from your VAT authority. You can reclaim UK VAT from your VAT authority.**

## Can I use my own courier and courier account number?

Because of difficulties we have experienced in using a number of Couriers, it is NIBSC policy not to book couriers using customers’ own account numbers. If you wish to use your own courier account, you need to arrange for the collection of your order from NIBSC by your courier. We will provide you or your courier with a date for collection.

**Please Note**: In view of heightened air security, some carriers will not collect packages from NIBSC if the collection has not been arranged by NIBSC staff.

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## Methods of payment

Invoices for reagents will be raised and sent 2-4 weeks after the dispatch of materials.

Payment should be made within 30 working days from receipt of the invoice. Methods of payment are given on the invoice. When making payment, all bank charges are payable by the originator.