



NEW GUIDELINES FOR P2 WASTE COLLECTION

GENERAL INFORMATION

A new type of container is now in circulation for P2 waste collection. This replaces the old containers.

The rigid red containers are the only ones accepted by the Laboratory Support Service (SSL) for the collection of P2 waste and its inactivation by autoclaving.

Red bags are no longer collected. If you use them, you must place them **open** inside the red containers provided by the SSL, which is responsible for the autoclave inactivation of your P2 waste.

USE OF THE RED CONTAINER

- They are single-use only, so it is not necessary to line them with a red bag.
- They are Intended exclusively for P2 waste, excluding any other waste not included in this waste stream. Exemption procedures are under the authority of the BSO and subject to STEPS approval.

Any other waste must be disposed of in its respective stream, outside of P2 premises (sharps and sharps, etc.), in accordance with the STEPS procedure.

DELIVERY OF TWO ITEMS BY THE SSL DIRECTLY TO YOUR LABORATORY:



Standard red container



Yellow lid

INSTRUCTIONS :



Filling limit



Clip the lid



DO NOT CAP

It is imperative **NOT TO CAP THE LID** with the red plug. Any container with this non-compliance will not be accepted by the SSL. It is the user's responsibility to repackage it.

DISPOSAL PROCESS FOR EACH P2 CONTAINER

Conditions for acceptance :

Partner laboratories fully commit to the diligent execution of the conditions for handling P2 containers, in accordance with the following provisions:

- P2 waste must not exceed the limit indicated in yellow above.
- Containers must be properly closed (clips engaged).
- Containers must be disinfected by P2 laboratory staff according to the procedure and disinfectant specific to the P2 activity of each laboratory :
 - This procedure must be validated by the BSO and STEPS and communicated to the SSL manager (P. Brawand – Pierre.Brawand@unige.ch).
 - Disinfection must ensure that containers can be handled without gloves outside the laboratory by staff.
- Containers must bear the following information on the appropriate label or with a permanent marker black:
 - **Group leader's name**
 - **Room number**
 - **Content composition: AGAR or SOLID**
 - **Disinfection carried out**
- **Total weight under 5 kg**
- Containers must bear the 'biohazard' sticker.



NB: No container will be accepted if it does not meet the above requirements.

RED CONTAINER REPLENISHMENT PROCESS :

- In each P2 laboratory, for each container used, an empty replacement will be provided.
- Replacement will be arranged through your SSL agent (verbally or by email).

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