Guidelines for inter-entity transport of freezers containing infectious agents

1. Transportation of freezers containing infectious agents MUST be approved by the Office of Biosafety.
2. Category A Infectious Substances must be packed and transported in accordance with DOT/IATA regulations. Training for shipping Category A Infectious Substances is required. Please note a freezer alone is not considered DOT/IATA approved for packaging of infectious substances.
3. Category B Infectious Substances must be packed and transported in accordance with DOT/IATA regulations. Training for shipping Category B Infectious Substances is required. Please note a freezer alone is not considered DOT/IATA approved for packaging of infectious substances.
4. In addition to the DOT/IATA regulations the following apply:
   a. A surface decontamination of the outside of the freezer with appropriate disinfectant has been completed. A decontamination tag and the PI’s name has been placed on the front of the freezer.
   b. Tape has been placed around the seal of the freezer door.
   c. The freezer door has been locked with a keyed or combination padlock.
   d. At least two moving straps have been tightly secured around the freezer (one at the top and one at the bottom)
   e. A large Ziploc bag containing an itemized inventory of the freezer contents has been taped to the freezer. Any applicable transport permits have been included with the inventory.

FM group:

1. Must be certain freezers are secure prior to transport.
2. A certified shipper must be in the vehicle transporting the freezers.

Principal Investigators:

1. Transport permits are amended by the PI as needed.
2. Movement of freezers to new locations will require escort by a certified shipper who must have a biological spill kit readily available. If the lab does not have a certified shipper, please contact the Office of Biosafety.

Please note, FMD Support Services does not have box trucks with generators or power outlets available.