INSTRUCTIONS ON SHIPPING DIAGNOSTIC SALIVA SAMPLES FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PACKAGING:

1. Make sure saliva soaked cotton rope samples are sent in the special double-sleeved plastic tube provided with the test kit.

2. Secure the tubes cap with tape.

3. Place tube/s inside a specimen bag or zip-lock bag. Remove air from bag and seal tight with tape.

4. Wrap (tubes/s in bag) with bubble wrap (available in most FEDEX, Postal offices or mailing stores), then place inside a STURDY shipping box. (Please DO NOT overpad).

5. Do not use padded envelopes, as the sample tube will likely break.

SHIPPING:

1. To satisfy USDA requirements, this statement MUST be clearly written on the outside of the package…”CANINE SALIVA, NON-INFECTIONOUS, FOR DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES ONLY”.

2. In addition, please include 2-3 copies of the “certification statement” (please see example below). This letter is used by the USDA and CDC Inspectors together with the US Customs Declarations at the Port of Entry. Place the copies behind the shipping labels (outside plastic pouch) for easy access by USDA and Customs inspectors.

3. Ship the samples using FEDEX courier, Priority Airmail, or other Postal Airmail.
CERTIFICATION LETTER FOR SAMPLES GOING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Date:______________

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that this saliva sample is of CANINE origin and does NOT include any equine, ruminant, swine, or avian material in tissue culture.

The dog from which this sample was taken is NOT infectious, and the dog has NOT been inoculated or exposed to any infectious agents or agricultural concern.

Furthermore, this material is NOT known or suspected to contain an etiological agent, host, or vector of human disease.

The saliva sample has been taken for DIAGNOSTIC purposes only.

This testing is unavailable in _______________________ (country of origin).

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Printed Name and Signature