SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND AMENDMENTS TO THE
IATA DANGEROUS GOODS REGULATIONS, 52ND EDITION (2011)

NOTE: This document includes a description of some of the changes that are most likely to impact laboratories shipping infectious substances or other biological samples.

Applicability:

- **1.3 — Shipper's Responsibilities.** Retention of a copy of the Shipper's Declaration for a minimum period of 3 months is now mandatory.

Special Provisions:

- **A47** — now identifies that genetically modified micro-organisms (GMMO) and genetically modified organisms (GMO) packed in accordance with Packing Instruction 959 are not subject any other requirements in the Regulations.

Packing Instructions:

- **620** — This is the packing number assigned to infectious substances in Category A (UN 2814 and UN 2900) and was previously Packing Instruction 602. The change in number aligns the numbering with the other modes of transport.

- **959** — This is the packing number assigned to genetically modified micro-organisms (GMMO) and genetically modified organisms (GMO), (UN 3245). The packing instruction has been revised to the same structure and format as Packing Instruction 650. This includes a new diamond-shaped marking for UN 3245 that must be applied to the outside of the outer packaging.

Marking & Labeling:

- paragraph (b) now identifies that the name and address of the shipper and consignee should be on the same surface as the marking for the UN number and proper shipping name when the package size is adequate;

- except as provided, the net quantity of dangerous goods must be shown on all packages regardless of the class of the dangerous goods.