

KAM rule 17 Removal of cadavers and bedding

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Introduction

Cadavers and bedding (manure/sawdust from animal cages) are potential sources of infections and decay. This KAM rule describes the requirements for dealing with cadavers and bedding, in order to restrict the exposure hazards to humans and the environment. This KAM rule describes very specific waste. The responsibilities are as described in [KAM rule 08](#).

Target group

This KAM rule is intended for all groups of employees at the Utrecht Science Park Bilthoven (USPB) who are involved with cadavers and residual materials from animal cages or rooms (such as bedding).

Procedure/measures

Procedure

- On the USPB, the organisations that produce cadavers and/or bedding ensure that this waste is collected in the correct waste containers, marked and submitted for disposal.
- Full containers must be reported via SelfService.
- The containers are placed in the designated collection points (see appendix 1).
- The containers are available via PSP; request them via SelfService.
- PSP will ensure that the waste containers are collected from the collection points and that new ordered waste containers are supplied.
- A distinction is made between contaminated (biological, chemical, radioactive) and non-contaminated waste.
- If necessary, put enough absorbent material in the container ([see appendix 7 of KAM 008](#)); there should be enough absorbent material to absorb the adherent moisture.
- Full containers will be cleaned and disinfected on the outside before submitting them for transport. Containers will be marked in accordance with [KAM rule 08](#) (provided with a sticker with a traceable department code and/or barcode).

Cadavers

1. Non-contaminated cadavers or parts thereof are collected in a 30-litre WIVA container and provided with a hermetically closable **yellow** lid.

Larger cadavers that do not fit in a 30-litre WIVA container, can (after consultation with the PSP Logistics Centre - logistiekcentrum@poonawallasciencepark.nl) be disposed of in a 60-litre WIVA container provided with a hermetically closable **yellow** lid.

2. Biologically contaminated cadavers

2.1 Cadavers that have been intentionally exposed to or infected with a low-risk pathogen of no higher level than 2 (BSL-2, ML-II/DM-II), with the exception of poliovirus and vaccinia virus) are removed in WIVA containers with a **yellow** lid.

2.2 Cadavers that have been intentionally exposed to or infected with biological agents of level 3 (BSL-3, ML-III/DM-III), poliovirus or vaccinia virus, must be inactivated in accordance with a validated method at the end of an experiment (e.g. by means of autoclaving or steaming). Afterwards the inactivated materials have to be removed via a WIVA container with a **yellow** lid.

2.3 Biologically contaminated cadavers, which do not fit in the 30-litre WIVA waste container.

Large cadavers, or large parts thereof, are distributed so that they fit in 60-litre WIVA containers with a **yellow** lid. Absorbent material is put in the bottom of the container to absorb any adherent and

released fluids.

If these cadavers have been exposed to biological agents of level 3 (BSL-3, ML-III/DM-III), poliovirus or vaccinia virus, then handle as described under 2.2.

3. Cadavers that have been exposed to chemical substances

These cadavers are collected in a 30 or 60-litre WIVA container and provided with a hermetically closable **yellow** lid. Contact your ADR safety advisor or the PSP Logistics Centre (logistiekcentrum@poonawallasciencepark.nl) for any specific labels in accordance with ADR ([KAM rule 07 Disposal of \(hazardous\) waste](#)).

4. Radioactive contaminated cadavers are always reported to general coordinating radiation expert (ACD). Material with an unacceptably high radiation dosage for normal disposal, is packaged in containers with a **red** lid and stored deep-frozen in the cellar of A6 until disposal takes place via the approved collection service.

Bedding (manure/sawdust from animal cages)

1. The non-contaminated bedding of animals is collected via the suction containers for bedding that are located on the Utrecht Science Park Bilthoven (USPB).

2. Biologically contaminated bedding

2.1 Biologically contaminated bedding of animals that has been intentionally exposed to or infected with a low-risk pathogen of a category no higher than level 2 (BSL-2, ML-II/DM-II, with the exception of poliovirus and vaccinia virus) are removed in WIVA containers with a **yellow** lid, or after autoclaving collected in a suction container, which must be marked with the text: **'contains inactivated material'**.

2.2 Biologically contaminated bedding of animals that has been intentionally exposed to or infected with biological agents of level 3 (BSL-3, ML-III/DM-III), poliovirus or vaccinia virus, is inactivated in accordance with a validated method, and subsequently disposed of in a suction container, which must be marked with the text: **'contains inactivated material'**.

3. Bedding that contains chemical substances is collected in a 60-litre WIVA container and provided with a hermetically closable **yellow** lid. Contact your ADR safety advisor or the PSP Logistics Centre (logistiekcentrum@poonawallasciencepark.nl) for any specific labels in accordance with ADR ([KAM rule 07 Disposal of \(hazardous\) waste](#)).

4. Radioactive contaminated bedding is always reported to the general coordinating radiation expert (ACD). Material with an unacceptably high radiation dosage for normal disposal, is packaged in containers with a **red** lid and stored deep-frozen in the cellar of A6 until disposal takes place via the approved collection service.

Abbreviations and terminology

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ACD	General Coordinating radiation expert
ADR	international transport of dangerous goods by road
USPB	Utrecht Science Park Bilthoven
PSP	Poonawalla Science Park B.V.

References

[KAM rules Stichting ALt:](#)

- KAM rule 07 [KAM rule 07 Disposal of \(hazardous\) waste](#)
- KAM rule 08 [Waste from \(micro\) biological laboratories](#)

If applicable:

- Radiation protection regulation of your organisation

Appendix 1: ^x Waste containers collection point

