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### **Foreword**

This publication offers practical guidance to facilitate compliance with applicable international regulations for the transport of infectious substances by all modes of transport and includes the changes that apply from 1 January 2021. Existing national and international regulatory framework for transport of infectious substances are included to provide information for classifying, identifying, packaging, marking, labelling, documenting and refrigerating infectious substances for transportation and ensuring their safe delivery.

The information in this publication targets all stakeholders involved in the shipping of infectious substances such as the shipper, the packaging supplier, the operator/carrier and the receiver. The 2021/2022 edition of this document went through several WHO-internal review/clearance processes plus an organizational review by International Air Transport Association (IATA) in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO) under the Framework of Engagement with non-State Actors.

The content of this document is crosslinked to diverse WHO and other activities, ranging from biosafety and the WHO Infectious Substances Shipping Training (ISST; not open to all) to any other programmes that require off-site transport of infectious substances for further processing, storage or disposal.

The biannual update of this document reflects the changes in the source documents. The current revision replaces the document issued by the WHO in 2019 (document WHO/WHE/CPI/2019.20). When using this publication, reference must be made to the applicable national and international regulations.

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