GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF SAMPLES FOR HISTAMINE ANALYSIS

1. Contact the Laboratory and indicate how many samples will be submitted, type of samples, and expected date of arrival to the Laboratory.

   Contact Information: Orlando G. Tirado-Ramirez
   Phone: 808-453-6673
   Fax: 808-453-6685
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2. Canned samples that have not been opened and are normally kept at room temperature, such as canned tuna, can be shipped without refrigeration.

3. Raw and or cooked samples must be frozen immediately after collection to prevent further spoilage. Samples must remain frozen until arrival to the Laboratory.

4. Make sure each sample is properly sealed to avoid cross-contamination.

5. Make sure each sample is properly identified and labeled to avoid mix-up.

6. Include a “Chain of Custody Form” with all the pertinent information.

7. Provide name and contact information of the person to whom the results will be forwarded.

8. Ship samples to: Orlando G. Tirado-Ramirez
   State of Hawaii
   Department of Health
   2725 Waimano Home Road
   Pearl City, HI 96782