

CUSTOMS INFORMATION

DEQAS is an external quality assessment (EQA) service provider which aims to ensure the analytical reliability of 25 hydroxyvitamin D (25OHD) and 1,25 dihydroxyvitamin D (1,25(OH)2D) laboratory assays. DEQAS is a non-profit organisation providing a service to laboratories. Serum samples are sent to participants to analyse and the results are reported back via the DEQAS website (www.deqas.org). DEQAS produces reports for participants which assesses the performance of individual laboratories and method groups. This improves the quality of blood test results and therefore improves patient care.

The samples enclosed in this package have no value or worth and cannot be resold. **Any stated value is for customs purposes only.** Following analysis samples are discarded in accordance with national and local laboratory policies. Participants pay for the DEQAS service on an annual basis and as such receipt of this package is not paying for its contents.

There is no need for taxes or tariffs to be levied.

The EQA/proficiency testing samples (commodity code 38 22 00 00 00) enclosed in this package are non-hazardous and not known to be infectious. The proficiency testing samples are manufactured in the United Kingdom and have tested negative for hepatitis B surface antigen, hepatitis C antibody and HIV antibody/antigen. The samples have also been sterilised by filtering through a 0.2 micron microbiological grade filter.

This package needs to be delivered as quickly as possible to the final participant to allow time for the samples to be analysed and results returned.

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Yours sincerely,

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