

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR SAMPLING AND SAMPLE PREPARATION FOR TESTING OF PLANT PATHOGENS

## How to choose your sample:

Choosing the sample and the right method of sending it is very important for successful defining of plant disease agents. Therefore, we ask you to follow these instructions:

Try to send a representative sample that has all the signs on.

When choosing vegetal material, try to find a plant where both can be seen; the sick and the healthy tissue. Wherever possible, enclose a healthy vegetal material for comparison.

It is recommendable to enclose a healthy plant from the other part of plantation.

In case the signs on leaves and sprouts indicate general decaying, and, therefore, a possibility of root damage, send the whole plant system and soil if possible.

## How to send the sample

Plants with roots and soil or	Wrap the pot or roots with a plastic bag and bind it around
plants in pots	the stalk. Put the whole plant into a bit inflated plastic bag
	and close it.
Fruit, vegetable, tubers	Put the sample in an absorptive paper, put it into a bit
(except potato), bulbs	inflated plastic bag and close it.
samples	
Leaves and sprouts	
<ul> <li>Suspicion of virus infection:</li> </ul>	Put the sample into a bit inflated plastic bag and close it.
- Suspicion of	Wrap the sample into a damp absorptive paper, put it into
other/unknown	a bit inflated bag and close it.
infections:	
Potato tubers	Wrap the sample into a dry, absorptive paper. Do not put
	the sample into a plastic bag!

Put all samples into a strong cardboard box and protect the box with paper. Put the form Prijava vzorca za rastlinske povzročitelje bolezni into a separate bag and put the bag into the box. Close, paste and seal the box.

## Contact Address and sample delivery:

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Send your samples with priority mail or with delivery service that guarantees delivery on the next day. Refrain from sending samples on weekends and holidays. We accept samples every work day between 8:00 and 14:00 hours.

NIB laboratory will take care, within its power, to provide credible diagnosis for requested harmful pathogen, but it cannot accept liability in case of damages suffered by clients, which result from NIB work. Customer is solely responsible to notify their NPPO about the results if required by relevant legislation.



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