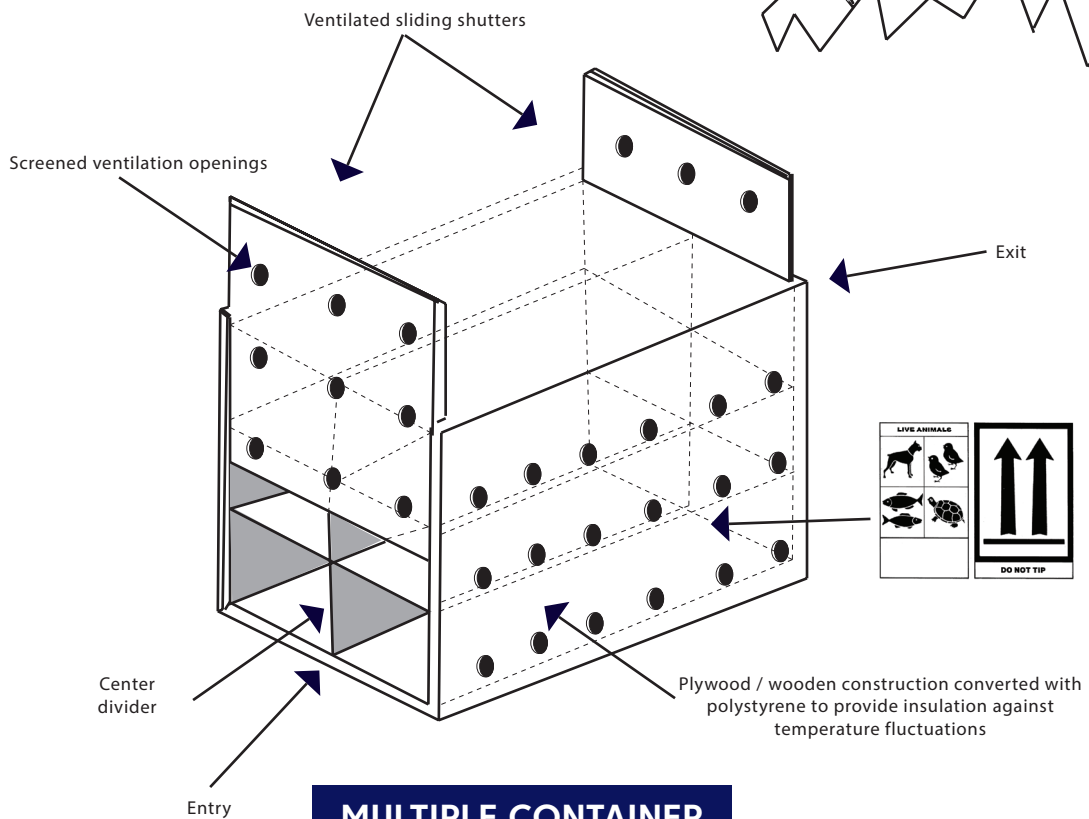
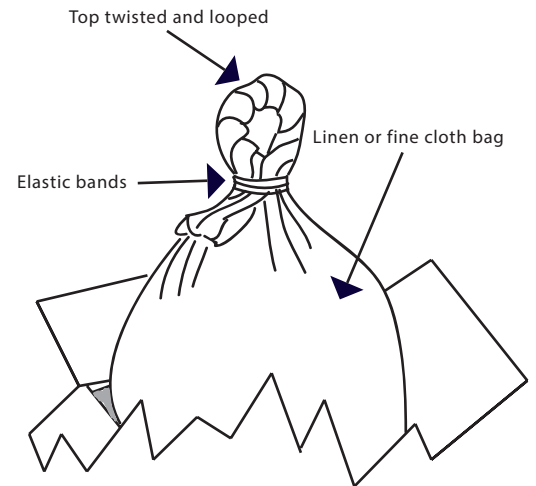
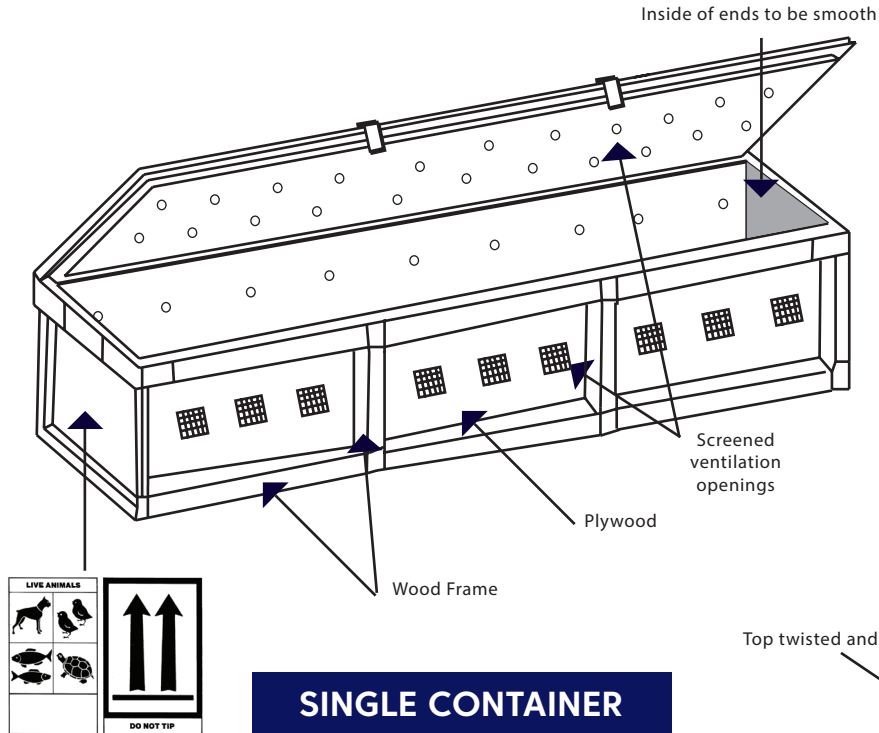
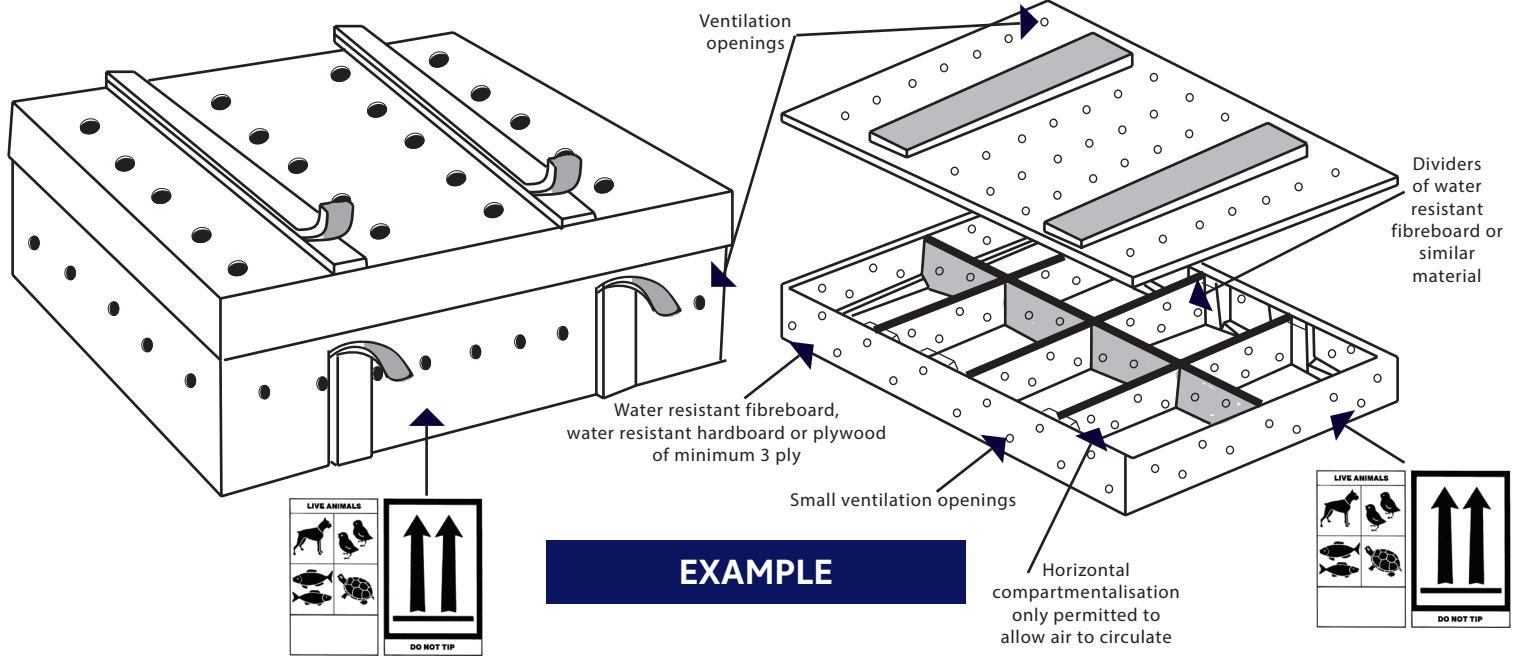


CRATE REQUIREMENTS FOR SNAKES



(suitable for small or young animals not exceeding 50 cm [20 in] in total length)



Kindly note: Only the above crates will be accepted. We may not accept any modified or incorrect crates.

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

- All rigid containers must have some kind of packing material (i.e. crumpled paper).
- Burlap (hessian) sacks are not allowed for any snake species less than 120cm (48inc)
- The maximum number of animals per bag or container must not be increased even when larger bags or containers are used
- If the bag is suspended, it must be suspended horizontally from the opposite ends and the maximum number of animals per bag should be divided by two
- Plastic containers are permissible for snakes less than 60cm in length. These containers must be rigid and able to support the entire weight of all other containers when stacked upright and if turned upside down, without failing structurally (without bending, cracking or collapsing or collapsing). The size of these containers must enable the animals to have contact with their whole ventral surface to the floor of the container.
- *The following snake species should be packed singly because they are cannibalistic:*

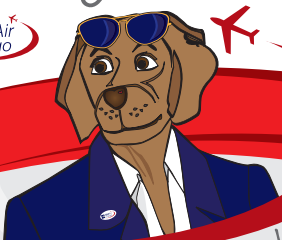
- > Black-headed python, woma (*Aspiditis* spp.)
- > Milk and king snakes (*Lampropeltis*)
- > Mussurana (*Clelia clelia*)

- *The following snake species are very delicate and should be packed singly and need soe with some moist substrate:*
- > File snake (*Achrocordus* spp.)

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR VENOMOUS SNAKES

- In general, venomous snakes have the same requirements as other snakes, but they must be packed singly and if possible in clear plastic containers which enable inspection and control of the animals without opening the container
- Labelling of each bag or inner container must list the specimen's scientific name, common name and venomous / poisonous or a pictorial warning label
- When venomous snakes are shipped in the same crate with other non-venomous species, they must be separately compartmentalized in a wood container
- All outer containers with venomous species must be covered with a secured wire mesh under the lid. This mesh must prevent the animal(s) escaping when opening the container for inspection purposes
- All venomous snakes must be placed in a secured inner container, which is inside another secured container (e.g. a double bagged system)

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- **Venomous snakes as defined here include the true venomous snakes of the following Taxonomic groups:**

Elapidae – Cobra • Mambas • Coral Snakes • Kraits and Relatives • Viperidae-Adders • Vipers • Crotalidae-Rattlesnakes
Copperheads • Palm Pit Vipers • Atractaspididae – Mole vipers • Burrowing asps • Hydrophiidae- Sea Snakes

- **Rear fanged snakes must be packed like the true venomous snakes, they are:**

Boomslang (*Dispholidus*) • African vine or twig snakes (*Thelotoni*s) • Rhabdophis • Mangrove and cat snakes (*Boiga*)

- *Some colubridae snakes with uncertain venoms or venom apparatus must be packed like the true venomous snakes, they are:*
Homolapsinae • Xenodontidae

NOTE: Permits are required for the air transportation of snakes into different Provinces.