

Directive 2010/45/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010  
on standards of quality and safety of human organs intended for transplantation

CHAPTER II

**THE QUALITY AND SAFETY OF ORGANS**

*Article 8*

**Transport of organs**

- 1 Member States shall ensure that the following requirements are met:
  - a the organisations, bodies or companies involved in the transportation of organs have appropriate operating procedures in place to ensure the integrity of the organs during transport and a suitable transport time;
  - b the shipping containers used for transporting organs are labelled with the following information:
    - (i) identification of the procurement organisation and the establishment where the procurement took place, including their addresses and telephone numbers;
    - (ii) identification of the transplantation centre of destination, including its address and telephone number;
    - (iii) a statement that the package contains an organ, specifying the type of organ and, where applicable, its left or right location and marked 'HANDLE WITH CARE';
    - (iv) recommended transport conditions, including instructions for keeping the container at an appropriate temperature and position;
  - c the organs transported are accompanied by a report on the organ and donor characterisation.
- 2 The requirements laid down in paragraph 1(b) need not be met where the transportation is carried out within the same establishment.