B.9 Distribution and supply

The distribution of secondary reference substances is carried out in such a manner as to maintain the integrity of the substance and avoid unnecessary delay in delivery to the users. The following factors are taken into account:

– conformity with safety and transport requirements;
– export and import procedure when the substance is to be delivered outside the country of the issuing body;
– customs regulations, e.g. special requirements applicable to substances under international control; and
– means of transportation.