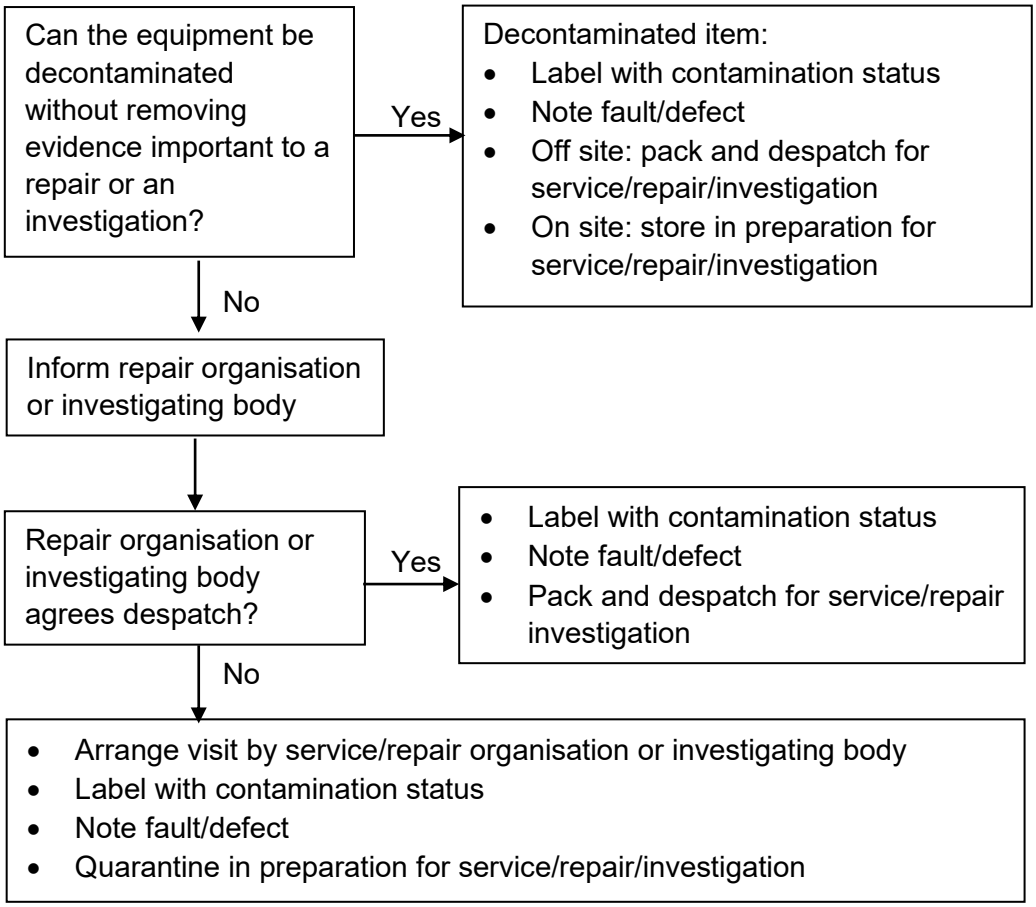
Declaration of contamination status

Flow chart for handling of equipment prior to inspection, service, repair, return to lending organisation or investigation of adverse incident.

Note: It is illegal to send contaminated items through the post.



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Declaration of contamination status

From (consignor):	.....	**To** (consignee):	.....
Address:	.....	Address:	.....
	.....		.....
Reference:	.....	Reference:	.....
Emergency tel:	.....		

Type of equipment: .	.....	Manufacturer:	.....
Description of equipment:	.....		
Other identifying marks:	.....		
Model No:	.....	Serial No:	.....
Fault:	.....		

Is the item contaminated? **Yes*** ☐ **No** ☐ **Don't know** ☐

* State type of contamination: blood, body fluids, respired gases, pathological samples, chemicals (including cytotoxic drugs), radioactive material or any other hazard .....

Has the item been decontaminated? **Yes(a)** ☐ **No(b)** ☐ **Don't know** ☐

(a) What method of decontamination has been used? Please provide details:

Cleaning: ☐ .....

Disinfection: ☐ .....

Sterilisation: ☐ .....

(b) Please explain why the item has **NOT** been decontaminated:

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CONTAMINATED ITEMS SHOULD NOT BE RETURNED WITHOUT PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THE RECIPIENT

This item has been prepared to ensure safe handling and transportation:

Name:	.....	Position:	.....
Signature:	.....		
Date:	.....	Tel:	.....