

## **GUIDE FOR THE SHIPMENT OF STRAINS TO THE CECT**

- Contact the CECT by e-mail to <u>bacteria@cect.org</u> or <u>fungi@cect.org</u> informing of your intention to ship microbial strains for deposit, freeze-drying, identification or characterization services. Attach the corresponding form duly filled in
- On receiving CECT agreement, grow the strains in a Petri dish or slant in 10-15 ml tubes, we do not accept strains grown in 1.5-2 ml microtubes or poorly grown cultures. For bacteria and archaea use the Triple-Z streaking method on a Petri dish. Send 5 cultures per strain for deposits for patent purposes and at least 2 cultures for the rest of services. Include the corresponding form duly filled in, signed and dated
- Always send cultures **by courier** in order to monitor them better and avoid unnecessary delays
- When shipping from outside Spain, or from Canary Islands, Ceuta or Melilla, provide the courier with a "Customs Invoice", duly filled in, signed and dated. This document can be downloaded from the Documentation section of our website (www.cect.org)
- Please, be sure that the strains are properly wrapped to protect them during shipment. You can consult the current legislation on transport of biological substances in the Documentation section of our website (www.cect.org)
- Label the parcel externally with the words: "Bacteria Section" or "Yeast and Fungi Section"