

## GUIDE FOR THE SHIPMENT OF STRAINS TO THE CECT

- Contact the CECT by e-mail to [bacteria@cect.org](mailto:bacteria@cect.org) or [fungi@cect.org](mailto:fungi@cect.org) 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](http://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](http://www.cect.org))
- Label the parcel externally with the words: "Bacteria Section" or "Yeast and Fungi Section"