

Shipping Information

Preparing Strains

- Send strains as starved cultures on clean plates. They will survive the shipping process better than proliferating cultures, which are sensitive to temperature fluctuations.
- Plates should be wrapped in parafilm to prevent the plates from opening during shipment.
- Please do not ship more than two plates in a stack. Larger stacks tend to get crushed during shipment and the nematode strains mix.
- Wrap the plates in layers with bubble wrap or packing paper.
- Please take care in packaging plates for shipment. Many of our strains are lost or damaged during shipment.

Shipping Strains International via Fed Ex

1. If you have never shipped to a particular country, it's best to call Fed Ex to find out exactly which documents you need. It is also helpful to do their on-line chat
2. No matter where you are shipping, include a letter specifying the species *Caenorhabditis elegans* and that the strain is "non-infectious, non-hazardous, non-parasitic, and non-pathogenic".
3. Under "Package & Shipment Details":
 - a. state declared value as \$10
 - b. Choose service type
 - c. package type is "FedEx Envelope" BUT, put plates in a padded envelope inside the FedEx envelope.
 - d. Package contains "products/commodities"
 - e. Shipment purpose is "commercial"
 - f. Total customs value is \$10
4. Under "Commodity Information":
 - a. Choose "add new commodity"
 - b. In "commodity description", add a description "This organism is NOT considered to be pathogenic to livestock, plants, poultry, or humans."
 - c. Unit of measurement = pieces
 - d. Commodity Weight = 1 lb (unless you are sending a lot of plates)
 - e. Customs Value = \$10
 - f. Country of Manufacture = USA
 - g. Harmonized Code = none (this is for items valued at more than \$2500)
 - h. if you are making a new commodity description, check the box to save the profile (so you can make a name)
5. Under Customs Declaration:
 - a. Call FedEx if you don't know the specifics of what you need. Once you choose the appropriate documents and opt to print, the correct number of needed documents should automatically print
 - b. If you choose Commercial Invoice, the "Terms of Sale" is "DDP" if we are paying or "DDU" to bill the recipient for taxes and duties
 - i. USE DDU; otherwise, you need extra documentation if we pay
 - ii. if you choose to select to bill duties/taxes to yourself in Billing Information, you can select "Free Carrier (FCA/FOB)" under Customs Documentation and no other documentation is needed.
6. If you don't need a Harmonize Code, you don't need Electronic Export Documentation. If you select "No EEI/SED required" and a dropdown menu appears, choose yje first item ("No EEI 30.37(e)")