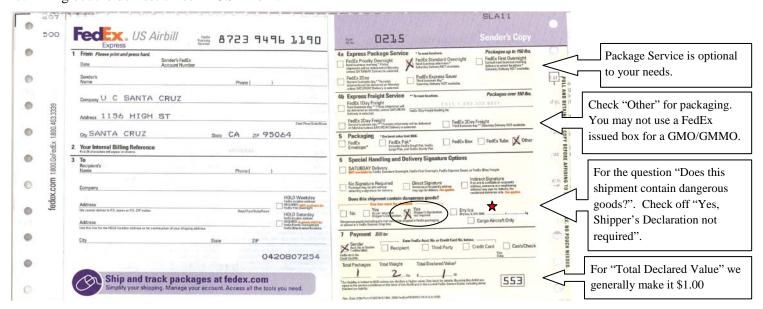
## **Shipping Genetically Modified Micro-Organisms (GMOs or GMMOs)**

For shipping purposes genetically modified micro-organisms (GMMOs) and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) are micro-organisms and organisms in which genetic material has been purposely altered through genetic engineering in a way that does not occur naturally, classified as a UN 3245. Examples include: *E.coli* containing a foreign plasmid, transgenic mouse tissue, a bacterial strain with a gene knockout or insertion, etc. The following instructions apply to shipments containing only a GMO/GMMO, if you are shipping a chemical in addition to the GMO/GMMO there could be additional restrictions, please contact EHS 9-2553 if this is the case. The shipping form will largely depend on how you are planning to send your sample.

## Shipping a GMO/GMMO via FedEx domestically within the US (with or without dry ice).

- 1. Place material in a sturdy leakproof vial or container that can be securely shut with a screw top lid. Use Parafilm or appropriate tape to wrap around the lid and provide a positive means of closure.
- 2. Label the container with the contents of the material.
- 3. Place labeled container in a sturdy secondary container such as a larger vial or tube with absorbent material (bench mat, paper towels, etc). Secure the secondary container shut.
- 4. Place the containers and their contents into a sturdy shipping box, i.e. cardboard or fiberboard box. Sending items in a flimsy posterboard box is not acceptable.
- 5. Place a printed inventory document inside the box that indicates what the material is.
- 6. Tape the box shut with sturdy shipping tape.
- 7. Filling out the domestic FedEx US Airbill:



★ = OPTIONAL-dry ice, you need to address the number of packages x weight in kilograms of dry ice.

## **OUTSIDE OF PACKAGE:**

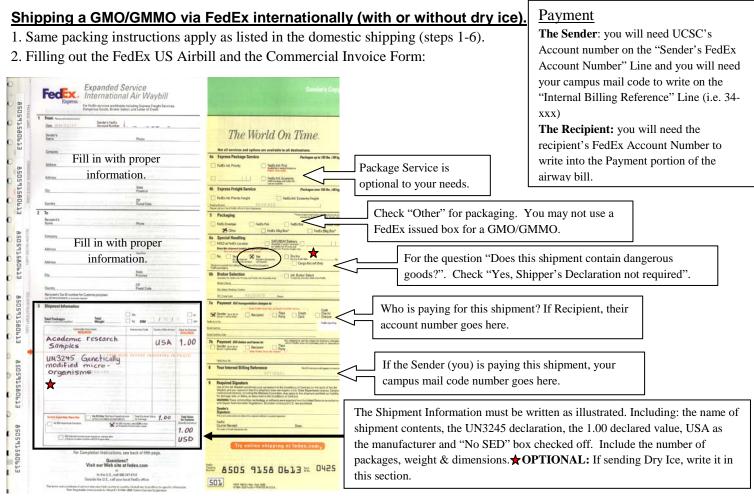
For both domestic and international shipments. The FedEx US Airbill should be attached on the outside of your package. You will also need the GMMO/GMO sticker on the outside of the box (1). If you are sending a Dry Ice shipment, you will also require a class 9 sticker (2). You may obtain these from EHS 9-2553.



(1) The GMMO/GMO -UN3245 sticker



(2) Class 9- Dry ice sticker.



★ OPTIONAL: Dry ice. You need to address the <u>number of packages</u> x <u>weight in kilograms of dry ice</u>.

