

Instructions for sending microorganisms for deposit

Safe deposit

1. Deposit form

Submit a signed deposit form together with the microorganism.

2. Microorganisms

2.1. Fresh cultures

2.1.1. Microorganisms should be incubated:

2.1.1.1. Not over 2 days for bacteria and yeasts;

2.1.1.2. Not over 15 days for nonsporulating (*in vitro*) filamentous fungi;

2.1.1.3. Not over 30 days for sporulating (*in vitro*) filamentous fungi.

Note: For slow growing strains, incubation times may be longer but must not exceed 60 days.

2.1.2. Microorganisms should be grown on agar slants or agar plates.

2.1.3. Microorganisms should be grown on antibiotic-free media.

2.1.4. Microorganism code and date of inoculation should be legible.

2.1.5. Microorganisms should not be overlaid with paraffin oil.

2.1.6. Microorganisms should not be stored in refrigerators or cold rooms before sending to TBRC.

2.1.7. Send 1–2 tubes or plates per strain.

2.1.8. Microorganism tubes or plates must be sealed and packed in plastic tubes or plastic bags and properly sealed before placement in a cardboard box for shipment (do not pack in an envelope or a paper bag). Microorganisms classified in Risk Group 2 must be packed and shipped according to national biosafety and biosecurity regulations or IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

2.1.9. Microorganisms must be sent using express mail service or drop off at TBRC.

2.2. Freeze-dried or liquid-dried cultures

2.2.1. Microorganism code and date of preservation should be legible.

2.2.2. Send 1–2 tubes/strain.

2.2.3. Microorganism tubes must be packed in plastic tubes or plastic bags and properly sealed before placement in a cardboard box for shipment (do not pack in an envelope or a paper bag). Microorganisms classified in Risk Group 2 must be packed and shipped according to national biosafety and biosecurity regulations or IATA Dangerous Goods Regulations.

2.2.4. Microorganisms must be sent using express mail service or drop off at TBRC.