SHIPPING SMALL QUANTITIES OF FORMALIN PRESERVED SPECIMENS WITHIN UNITED STATES

DEFINITIONS:
- Formalin is a liquid solution having no more than 10% formaldehyde.
- Small quantity is no more than 30 mL per primary container.

PROCEDURE
1. Place Material In Watertight Primary Container
   - All primary receptacles must have positive closures (such as screw-on or push-on lids) that must be taped, wired, or other positive means.
   - Examples include plastic canisters, glass/plastic jars, glass/plastic vials.
   - Liquids must not completely fill the inner package at 55C (131F).
   - Plastic primary receptacles must have a wall thickness at least 0.2 mm

2. Place Primary Container In a Watertight Secondary Container
   - To prevent contact between multiple fragile primary containers, individually wrap or separate them.
   - Examples of secondary packages include plastic canisters, sealed plastic bags, sealed Styrofoam containers 1” thick minimum, screw-cap cans.
   - Secondary packaging must not react chemically with the dangerous good.

3. Place Absorbent Material Between Primary and Secondary Container
   - Make sure that multiple primary receptacles are individually wrapped to prevent contact.
   - Use enough absorbent material to absorb the entire contents of all primary containers.
   - Examples include cellulose wadding, cotton balls, super absorbent packets, paper towels.
   - Adsorbent materials must not react chemically with the dangerous good.

4. Place Secondary Container Into a Sturdy Outer Packaging
   - Sturdy outer packaging capable of withstanding a 6 foot drop must consist of corrugated fiberboard, wood, metal or rigid plastic.
   - UNACCEPTABLE outer packaging includes Styrofoam boxes, plastic bags, paper envelopes, FedEx envelopes, FedEx tubes, FedEx Pak or FedEx box.
   - The minimum package size accepted by FedEx is 7” X 4” X 2”. For packages below this size, FedEx offers overwraps to bring the package up to the minimum size, as long as your package meets the four basic packaging requirements.
   - The total mass of the entire package cannot exceed 29 Kg (64 pounds).

5. MARKINGS ON OUTER PACKAGING
   No Shipper's Declaration is required.
   One the same side of the outer package, write legibly the following:
   - “This package conforms to 49 CFR 173.4”
   - Addressee and Addressor

From: Your Name
   Department Name
   UC Irvine
   City, CA 92697-Your Zot Code

To: The Recipient’s Name
   Address
   City, State Zip

This package conforms to 49 CFR 173.4

This packaging is only to be used for shipments within the United States for materials and quantities allowed under the “Small Quantity Exceptions”. Reference 49 CFR 173.4.
