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Maintaining End-User Preferences

Overview

The User Preferences functionality will help you easily maintain shipping preferences in the eShipGlobal system.

Key Points

- Default settings for email notifications and package pick-up or drop-off preferences can easily be changed.
- Although these selected options will automatically appear by default for each shipment that you create, preferences can be changed for each individual package.
- After 30 minutes of inactivity, you will automatically be logged out of the eShipGlobal system.

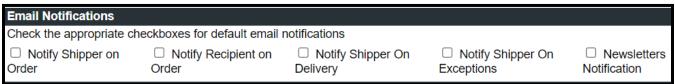
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Maintain End-User Preferences

1. Click on **Acct Management** from the navigation bar located at the top of the eShipGlobal window. Select **User Preferences**.



2. Click to select any Email Notifications you would like to send or receive.



3. Click the radio buttons to select your Package Pickup/Drop-off Preferences.



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4. Add on an external scale and identify your printer type.

External Scales Configuration				
☐ Use external scales connected to PC on port: COM1 ✔ Setup Weighing Scales				
Read this before attempting to connect and configure your scales				
Label Printer Type				
Please indicate the printer type for printing airbills. A thermal printer setup user guide is available here.				
■ Laser Printer ○ Thermal Printer (EPL2, ZPL formats)				
Thermal printer type: Eltron (EPL2) •				
Thermal Printer Configuration				
Enter the name of the thermal printer that's connected to your workstation				
Thermal Printer Name: (eg. \\Machinename\printername)				

5. Click on Save Preferences.

Email Notifications				
Check the appropriate ch	eckboxes for default email	notifications		
☐ Notify Shipper on Order	Notify Recipient on Order	Notify Shipper On Delivery	☐ Notify Shipper On Exceptions	NewslettersNotification
External Scales Configu	uration			
	connected to PC on port: Conpting to connect and co		ning Scales	
Label Printer Type				
	er type for printing airbills. A	thermal printer setup us	er guide is available here.	
 Laser Printer Th 	nermal Printer (EPL2, ZPL	formats)	•	
Thermal printer type:		,		-
Thermal Printer Configu	uration			
Enter the name of the the	ermal printer that's connecte	ed to your workstation		
Thermal Printer Name:		(eg. \\Machinename\prin	itername)	
Package Pickup/Drop-o	ff preference			
	or Pick-Up for the default sh	nipping option		
No Preference	O Drop-Off	O Pick-Up		
		Save Preferences		

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Add Billing Profile

Overview

The Billing Profile functionality will help you easily maintain carrier accounts in the eShipGlobal system.

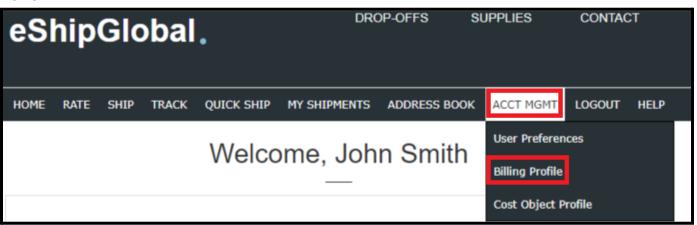
Key Points

- Default carrier charge accounts can easily be added and changed.
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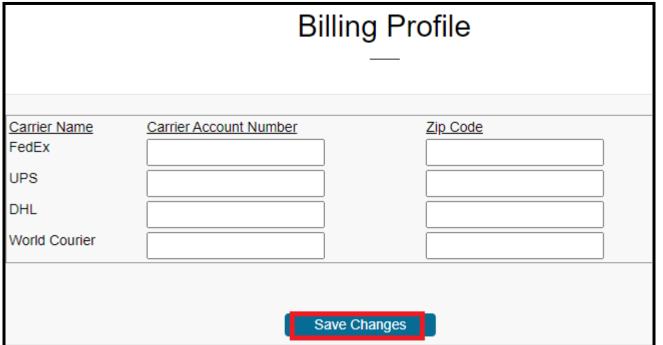
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Add Billing Profile

1. Click on **Acct Management** from the navigation bar located at the top of the eShipGlobal window. Select **Billing Profile.**



Provide any account numbers and Zip Code for your preferred carriers for shipment billing and click Save Changes.



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Managing Address Book Entries

Overview

The Address Book stores Recipient information for easier shipping to commonly used addresses.

Objective

Learn how to add, edit, and delete addresses in your eShipGlobal Address Book so the information is accurate and easily available for shipping packages.

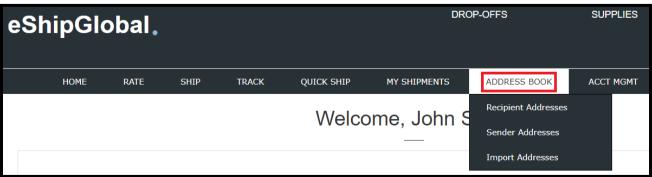
Key Points

- A list of shipping addresses for Recipients can be maintained in the eShipGlobal Address Book.
 - When shipping a package using the eShipGlobal system, add the frequently used Recipient to the Address Book.
 - o Enter Recipient addresses into the Address Book in advance of using them.
 - When an address changes or you realize that you have entered and saved the information incorrectly, editing entries is easy.
 - When an entry is no longer required in the Address Book, it can be deleted.
- When entering Recipient information to create a shipping label, fields can be filled in on the main form or selected from the Address Book by clicking on the Load from Address Book button.
- After 30 minutes of inactivity, you will automatically be logged out of the eShipGlobal system.

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Manage Address Book Entries

1. Click on Address Book from the navigation bar and choose Recipient Addresses from the drop-down list.



2. Click on **New** to add a new Recipient to the Address Book, and enter the Recipient information into the appropriate fields..



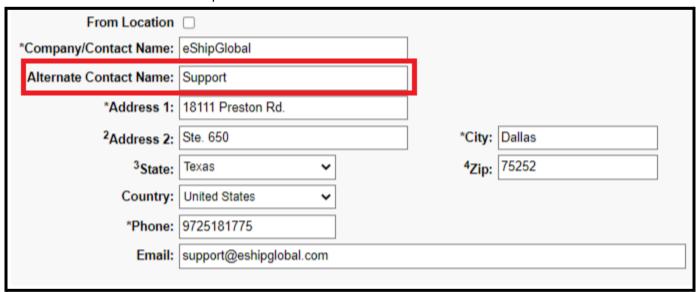
3. Enter the name of the Company or primary Contact in the Company /Contact Name box.



NOTE: This is a required field. If the delivery is for a Residential delivery, enter the primary contact name into this field.

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4. Enter the Contact Name of the Recipient in the Alternate Contact Name box.



5. Enter in the Recipient **address information** using the Address 1 and Address 2 (optional) boxes. Each box can contain up to 35 characters.



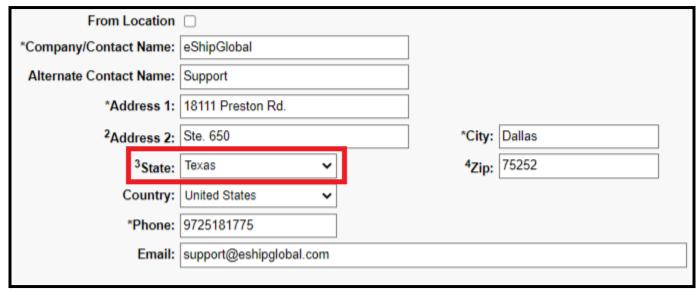
NOTE: The Address 2 field is generally used for department, floor, suite, building information, etc.

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6. Enter the City.



7. Click on the drop-down arrow next to **State** to select the appropriate State.



NOTE: State is a required field for all deliveries to the United State, Canada, and Mexico.

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8. Enter the appropriate **Zip** code.

From Location				
*Company/Contact Name:	eShipGlobal			
Alternate Contact Name:	Support			
*Address 1:	18111 Preston Rd.			
² Address 2:	Ste. 650	*City:	Dallas	
³ State:	Texas	⁴ Zip:	75252	
Country:	United States 🗸			
*Phone:	9725181775			
Email:	support@eshipglobal.com			

NOTE: Zip codes are required for all destinations within the United States.

9. Click on the drop-down arrow next to **Country** to select the appropriate Country.



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10. Enter the Recipient Phone number.

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³ State:	Texas 🗸		⁴ Zip:	75252	
Country:	United States 🗸	_			
*Phone:	9725181775				
Email:	support@eshipglobal.com				

NOTE: Phone number is a required field.

11. Enter the Recipients **Email** contact information if available.

From Location			
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Alternate Contact Name:	Support		
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³ State:	Texas 🗸	⁴ Zip:	75252
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*Phone:	9725181775		
Email:	support@eshipglobal.com		
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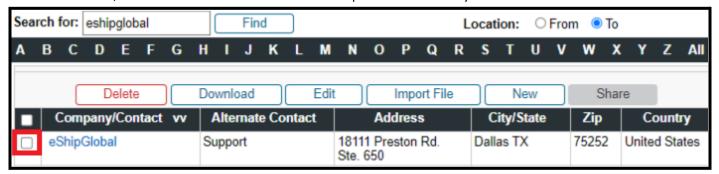
NOTE: Email address is an optional field for Domestic Addresses.

12. Click Save. You will then be brought back to the main Address Book.



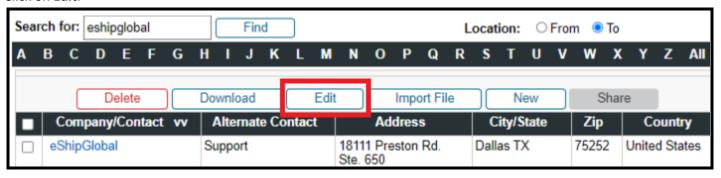
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13. To edit an address, click in the box located next to the Recipient address that you would like to Edit.

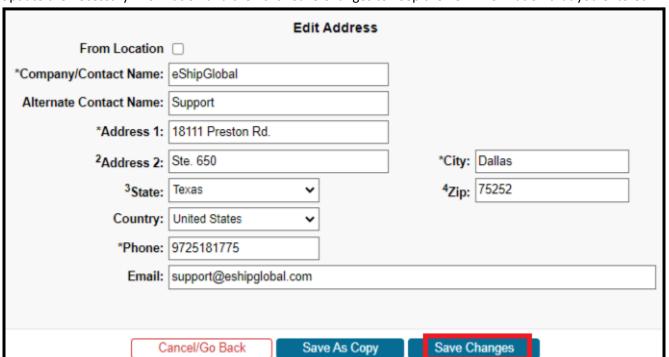


NOTE: You can search for an address by entering search criteria into the Search box and find associated results in the Company name, any part of the address, a particular city, First Name, Last Name, State, Zip Code, etc.

14. Click on Edit.



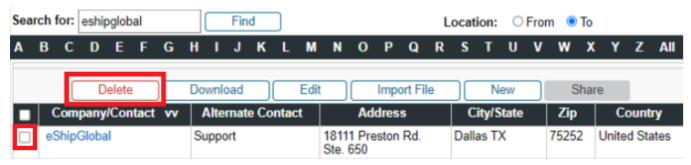
15. Update the necessary information and then click Save Changes to keep the new information that you entered.



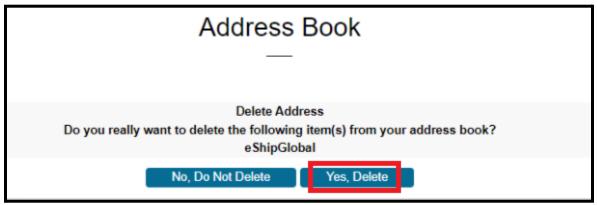
NOTE: You can also click Cancel/Go Back to discard your changes.

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16. To delete an address, click in the box located next to the Recipient address that you would like to delete, and click **Delete.**.



17. Click Yes, Delete.



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Overview

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Key Points

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 of Credit Cards on every transaction. Each transaction is tied back to University of Michigan Financial Statements
 through the tracking number and Billing Profile.
- The eShipGlobal platform ensures that all shipments are sent within compliance and follow all IATA, DOT, etc. guidelines and regulations.
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Shipping Carriers

Contracted international rates are available with FedEx, UPS and DHL.

 Federal Express, UPS and DHL will appear within your shipping carrier option list as available based on your shipping criteria.

Packaging

When selecting Your Packaging as the packaging type, provide approximate weights and package dimensions.

• All packages are reweighed and remeasured by the shipping vendor selected upon arrival at the station; prices will be adjusted accordingly by the carrier if necessary.

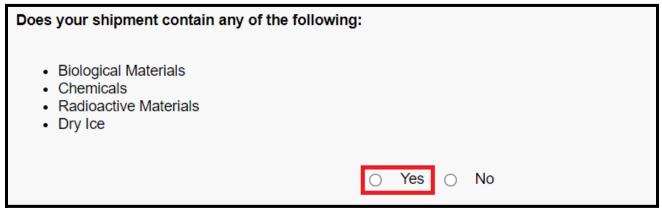
Special Arrangements and Services

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- Adding special services, like Saturday Delivery, Residential Delivery, Signature Required, etc. may result in additional charges with the shipping carrier you select.
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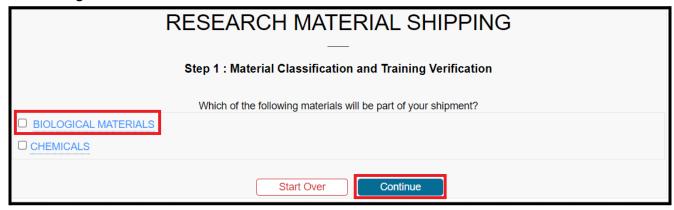
1. Identify that this is a Research Material.



2. Indicate this is a **Domestic** shipment.

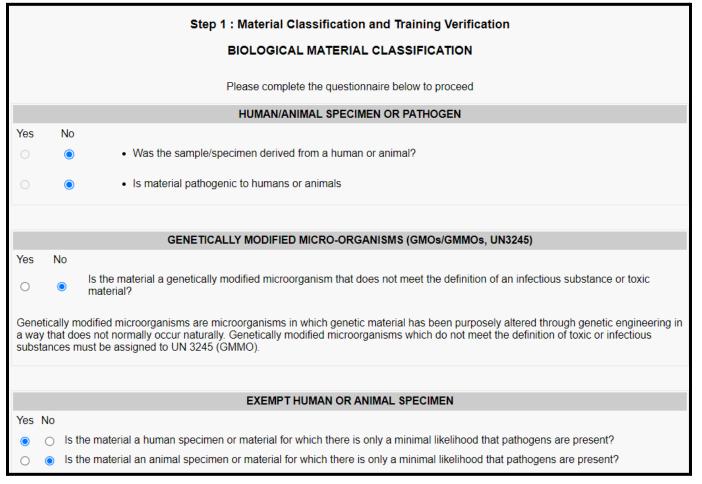


3. Select Biological and then Continue

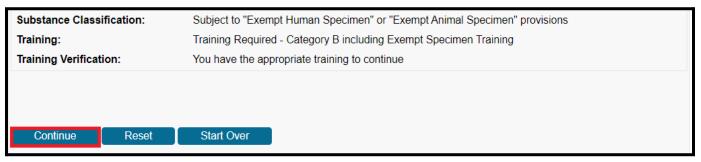


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4. Complete the questionnaire to identify the Biological material being shipped



5. Click Continue



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6. Fill in the Material Name, Total Quantity, and the Net Value. Once completed, click Continue.

Step 2 : Material Selection				
MATERIAL DATABASE				
Please provide details about the material you are shipping in the form below including:				
 Identify the research material that you plan to ship. Then click Continue button to proceed to Shipment details. Required fields are indicated by an asterisk. Material Name (Provide description that includes the origin of the material and solution it is packed in, for example protein derived from rat serum, noninfectious in ethanol) Quantity in each inner receptacle (For shipments with multiple inner containers) Total Quantity in Package (Total weight or volume of package contents) Net Value in USD (Total value of package contents) NOTE: For Dry Ice shipments, enter quantity of dry ice (in lbs) in the "Special Instructions" section on the next screen. 				
Material Entry Material Classification: Exempt Human Specimen				
*Material Name: Start Typing				
Material / Goods Description:				
Maximum Quantity Per Inner Receptacle:				
*Total Quantity in Package: ml 🕶 (Max. Total Qnty: NA)				
1*Net Value in USD(Min. 1): Does the material contain any chemical preservative?				
¹ Enter the total value of items shipped in each classification. Note: iPlease note that all grayed fields are pre-populated or optional.				
Start Over Add another material Continue				

7. Click on the drop-down arrow in the Ship From field to select a Sender from your profile.



NOTE: If you are the only Shipper in your profile, the Ship From field will automatically default to your name and physical location. However, if you are creating a shipping label for someone other than yourself, click on **Add Sender**.

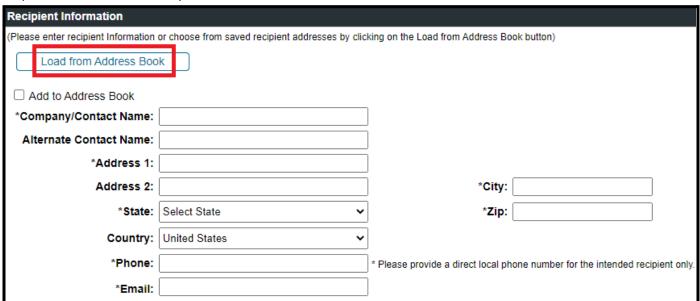
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Accept today's date (by default) or enter a new date in the Shipping Date field, and identify the method of shipping and location information.

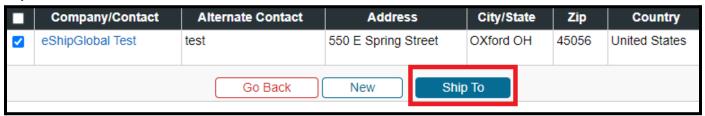


NOTE: To change the Shipping Date, click in the Shipping Date box and enter a new Shipping Date. Labels can be printed in advance. The shipping date selected cannot exceed 9 days from today's date.

9. Click on **Load from Address Book** to select a Recipient from the saved Address Book, or, you may enter in the recipient information manually to each field.



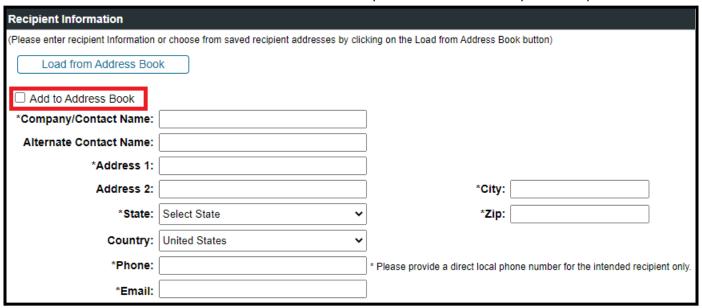
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11. If you are adding your recipient address manually and would also like to save it to your Address Book, click **Add to Address Book** and the address will be available to use from your Address Book on any future shipments



12. Select the **Packaging Type** and provide any additional item description in the **Shipment Reference** if applicable.

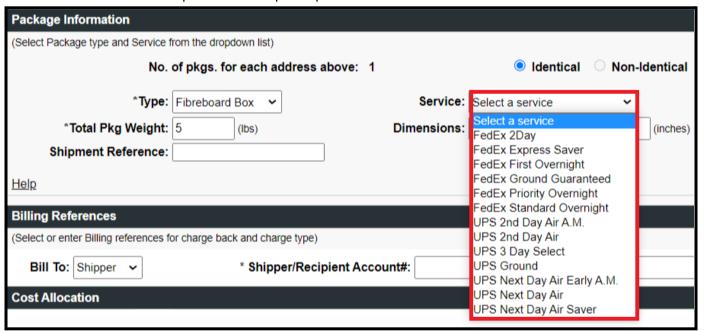


13. Once you have selected your package type, the weight and dimensions will be auto-filled for you.

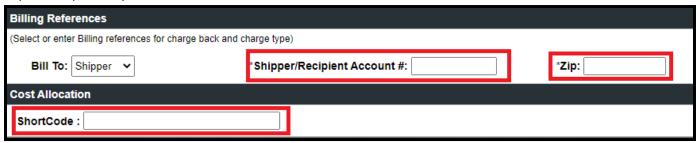


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14. Choose a **Service** from the drop-down list of options provided.



15. If you have previously saved a Billing Profile, your carrier account information will auto-fill based on the carrier selected. If not, you may manually fill in the **Account Number** and associated **Zip Code**. Additionally, you will be required to provide your **ShortCode**.



NOTE: You can elect to have the Recipient of the package pay for delivery. Choose Recipient from the Bill To drop-down list. Enter the Recipient Account Number and the Zip Code associated with the Recipient account in the boxes provided. Cost Object is required as back-up.

16. Select preferred **Special Instructions** you would like for this shipment

Special Instructions	
(Additional charges may apply for some special services)	
☐ Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)	MTA Number :
☐ Return Shipment (FedEx, UPS only)	☐ Hold at Station (FedEx, UPS only)
☐ Saturday Delivery (FedEx, UPS only)	☐ Signature Release (FedEx, UPS, LSO only)
☐ Signature Required	*Residential Delivery (FedEx, UPS only)
<u>Help</u>	

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17. Select any requested email notifications.

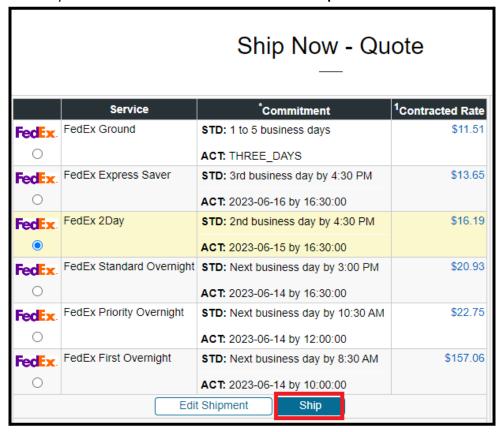
Email Notifications					
(Email notifications will be sent free of	(Email notifications will be sent free of charge)				
☐ Notify Shipper on Order☐ Notify Shipper on Exception	☐ Notify Recipient on Order ons	☐ Notify Shipper on Delivery	☐ Notify Others on Delivery		
<u>Help</u>					

NOTE: If you choose to Notify Shipper, Notify Recipient, Notify Shipper on Delivery, or Notify Others on Delivery, you will need to enter an email address, email addresses need to be entered for each of the requested Email Notifications.

18. Click Show Quote.

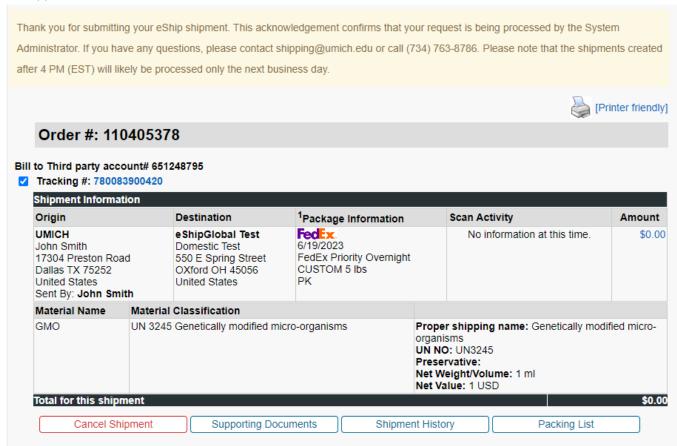
Email Notifications			
(Email notifications will be sent free of c	harge)		
 Notify Shipper on Order Notify Shipper on Exception 	☐ Notify Recipient on Order ns	☐ Notify Shipper on Delivery	☐ Notify Others on Delivery
<u>Help</u>	Start Over Shi	p Now Show Quote	

19. Confirm your carrier and transit selection and click Ship



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20. After you have completed your order, you will receive a confirmation that your order was submitted for review and approval.



21. Once your shipment has been approved by EHS, you will receive a notification.

Thank you for submitting your eShip shipment. This acknowledgement confirms that your request has been approved by your EHS Administrator. If you have any questions, please contact shipping@umich.edu or call (734) 763-8786. Please note that the shipments created after 4 PM (EST) will likely be processed only the next business day.

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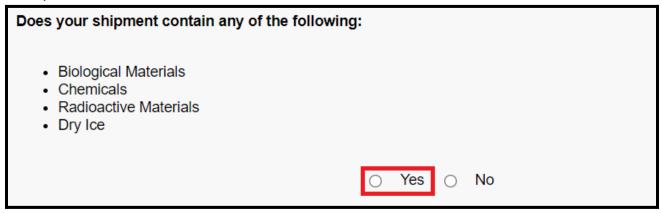
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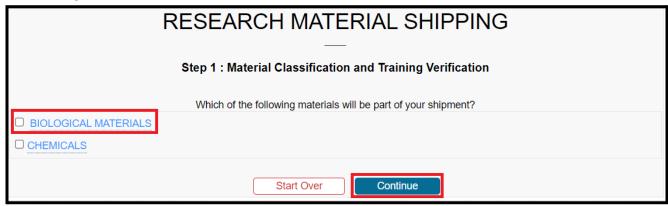
1. Identify that this is a Research Material.



2. Indicate this is an International shipment.

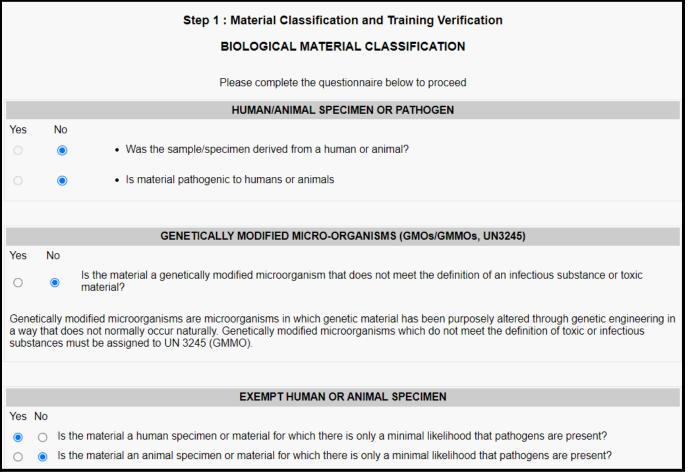


3. Select Biological and then Continue

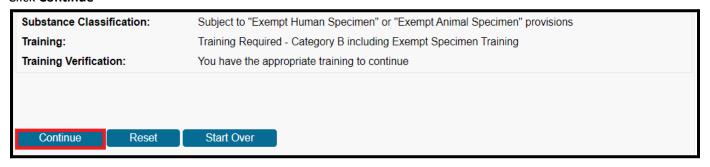


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4. Complete the questionnaire to identify the Biological material being shipped



5. Click Continue



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6. Fill in the Material Name, Total Quantity, and the Net Value. Once completed, click Continue.

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Material Entry				
Material Classification: Exempt Human Specimen				
*Material Name: Start Typing				
Material / Goods Description:				
Maximum Quantity Per Inner Receptacle: [ml → (Max. Inner Qnty: NA)				
*Total Quantity in Package:				
1*Net Value in USD(Min. 1):				

7. Select the Country of Origin, provide the Harmonized Code/Schedule B Number and ECCN, and click Continue.

*Country of Origin:	Select Country	~		
² Harmonized System Code / Schedule B Number:	<u> </u>	HS Code Looki	ī b	
ECCN#:	<u></u>	ECCN Lookup		
	Does the material con	ntain any chemi	ical preservative?	
¹ Enter the total value of items ship	ped in each classifica	ition.		
² Please refer to these links to lookup for Harmonized System Code / Schedule B Number. https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/schedules/b/index.html https://rulings.cbp.gov/https://hts.usitc.gov/				
Note:				
ⁱ Please note that all grayed fields a	re pre-populated or or	ptional.		
	Start Over	Add anot	her material	Continue

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8. Click on the drop-down arrow in the Ship From field to select a **Sender** from your profile.



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9. Accept today's date (by default) or enter a new date in the **Shipping Date** field, and identify the **method of shipping** and **location information**.



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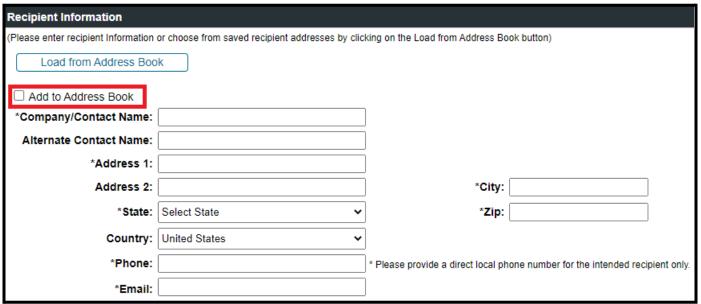
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13. Select the packaging type and provide any additional item description in the Shipment Reference if applicable.

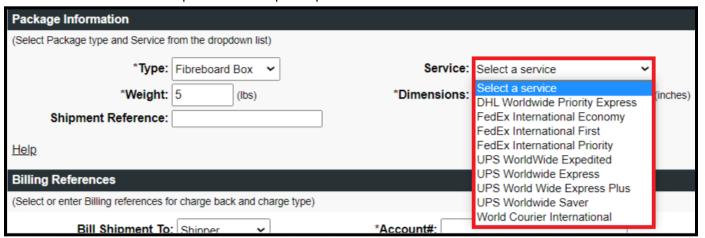


14. Once you have selected your package type, the weight and dimensions will be auto-filled for you.

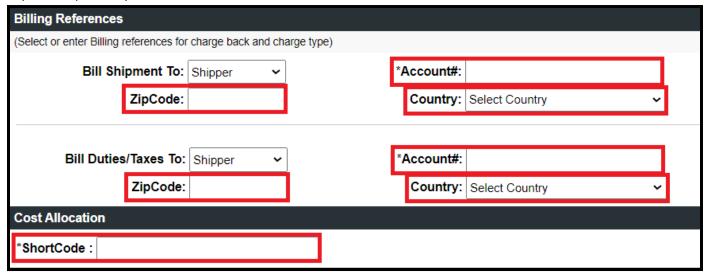


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☐ Saturday Delivery (FedEx, UPS only)	Signature Release (FedEx, UPS, LSO only)	
☐ Signature Required	*Residential Delivery (FedEx, UPS only)	
<u>Help</u>		

NOTE: Additional charges may apply for some special services and may not be available from all shipping carriers.

18. If you would like to add on any additional insurance, you may do so in the **Declared Value** field. Additionally, if the destination of your shipment is in the European Union and your recipient has either an **EORI Number** or **Tax ID**, please provide that information as well.

Customs Information				
(Additional fields for customs information) ^ An EORI number is a requirement for any business or person involved in importing or exporting in the European Union (EU)** and certain other European countries. Please reach out to your international contact to obtain the number.				
Customs Value: 1	(xxxx USD)	Terms of Sale:	FOB 🕶	?
^^Declared Value: 0	(xxxx USD)	Certificate Of Origin:	NotRequired ➤	
^Recipient EORI Number / Tax Id:				
Broker Name:				
Broker Phone:				
^^ By inserting a declared value, your shipment will be ** European Union (EU) countries are: Austria, Belgiur Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Ne Northern Ireland, Norway, and Switzerland.	m, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Cz	echia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France,		

19. Select any requested email notifications.

Email Notifications			
(Email notifications will be sent free of charge)			
☐ Notify Shipper on Order☐ Notify Shipper on Exception	☐ Notify Recipient on Order ons	☐ Notify Shipper on Delivery	☐ Notify Others on Delivery
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NOTE: If you choose to Notify Shipper, Notify Recipient, Notify Shipper on Delivery, or Notify Others on Delivery, you will need to enter an email address, email addresses need to be entered for each of the requested Email Notifications.

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20. Click **Show Quote**.

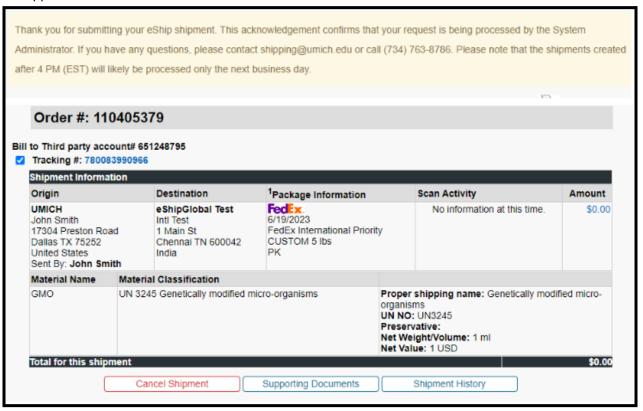
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	☐ Notify Recipient on Order	☐ Notify Shipper on Delivery	□ Notify Others on Delivery
	Start Over Shi	p Now Show Quote	

21. Confirm your carrier and transit selection and click **Ship**

	Service	*Commitment	¹ Contracted Rate
FedEx.	FedEx International Economy	STD: 2 to 3 business days	\$85.33
O		ACT: 2023-06-24 by 20:00:00	
FedEx.	FedEx International Priority	STD: Bus. centers in 24 to 48 hours	\$95.85
0		ACT: 2023-06-22 by 20:00:00	
	UPS Worldwide Expedited	STD: End of 5th business day ACT: Click here for Actual Commitment	\$176.71
	UPS Worldwide Saver	STD: End of 3rd business day	\$204.13
		ACT: Click here for Actual Commitment	
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22. After you have completed your order, you will receive a confirmation that your order was submitted for review and approval.



23. Once your shipment has been approved by EHS, you will receive a notification.

Thank you for submitting your eShip shipment. This acknowledgement confirms that your request has been approved by your EHS Administrator. If you have any questions, please contact shipping@umich.edu or call (734) 763-8786. Please note that the shipments created after 4 PM (EST) will likely be processed only the next business day.

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Frequently Asked Questions: International Shipments

- How do I send a "Documents Only" shipment?
 - A document is generally defined as a written, typed or printed communication of no commercial value.
 International documents shipped in an envelope or in any other packaging do not require an invoice. Call us at 1-800-816-1615 for information about documents. Enter customs value of at least \$1.00 for international documents only.
- How do I send a Non-Documents shipment?
 - o International shipments containing items other than documents require additional forms. When using non-document shipments, you need to fill in the product profile and other information for export purposes. Multiple copies of commercial invoices and other forms are needed. The system will produce a shipping label and other necessary documents for each package.
- What documents are required for international shipments?
 - If you're shipping internationally, eShipGlobal produces the following documents based on the information you provide:
 - Commercial Invoice
 - Shipper's Export Declaration (SED)
 - Certificate of Origin
 - NAFTA Certificate of Origin
 - Caribbean Common Market Commercial Invoice (CARICOM)
- What is a Commercial Invoice?
 - This is a document provided by the seller/exporter that describes the parties involved in the shipping transaction and the goods being transported. It is the primary document used by Customs and should be prepared using the official language of the country to which the goods are being exported, if possible. The Commercial Invoice should include a detailed breakdown of all items included in the shipment including any generic or scientific name, grade and quantity, composition and/or construction, the country of manufacture, the price or cost, currency used, the Harmonized System number for each commodity and the terms of delivery. The document shown is an example of one format. Some countries require that an original invoice be executed on the shipper's letterhead. The invoice should always be signed and dated by the exporter certifying that the details provided are true and correct representations of the contents covered by the Commercial Invoice.
- How many copies should I send with the shipment?
 - The system will provide a prompt indicating the quantity of commercial invoice copies and other forms needed for the shipment that are required.
 - Forms cannot be filed electronically.
- What is NAFTA Certificate of Origin?
 - The CF434 NAFTA Certificate of Origin is a US form that is used to validate claims for preferential duty treatment (reduced or duty-free entry) under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) between the US, Canada and Mexico. Alternative versions of the form which have been approved by

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Canada or Mexico customs authorities may also be used. This form can be prepared to cover either a single shipment or for a 'blanket' period up to one (1) year. It may be prepared in Spanish, French or English. However, customs authorities may require that a written translation into the importer's language be provided. To request preferential treatment, the NAFTA Certificate must be prepared and signed by the exporter. However, the exporter may ask the actual producer of the goods to prepare and sign one (as the manufacturer) as a supporting document. For more information, please contact US Customs.

- What is Caribbean Common Market Commercial Invoice?
 - The CARICOM is an invoice much like the Commercial Invoice, that is used for export shipments consigned to the Caribbean Common Market member nations. The CARICOM can be used interchangeably with the Commercial Invoice provided the details required by the import customs requirements of the destination are met on the document that is prepared. It is recommended that the shipper verify with the importer what form of invoice is acceptable or required if there is any question. The CARICOM should not be used for exports other than to the CARICOM member nations. (Antigua, Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Grenadines, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago).
- What is a Shippers Export Declaration (SED)?
 - The Shipper's Export Declaration (SED) is required by the US Department of Census in order to obtain statistical data and by the Bureau of Export Administration (BXA) to assist in enforcing export controls. Many shipments qualify for an exemption on the basis of the destination and/or the value. (Shipments to most destination is exempt if the value per Schedule B is \$2500 USD or less.) The form is to be prepared and signed by a US shipper (exporter) or their agent, indicating the description (including the Schedule B or HTS number), value, weight, destination, and other basic information about an export shipment. SED information may be submitted electronically through the Automated Export System (AES). For information on SED requirements and exemptions, please review the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations.