10. Container Search and Operations

Container (inventory) search, edit, transfer, dispose

Overview

This quick guide will show you how to search the internal inventory and make changes by transferring, editing, or disposing of items. All container operations start with Container Search.

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<td>A. Click Container Search.</td>
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<td>B. Select search option and perform search</td>
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<td>a. <strong>Quick Search</strong>: searches all container fields including name, CAS number, biological descriptors, barcode, and supplier.</td>
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<td>b. <strong>Advanced Search</strong>: returns items that match all of the criteria specified</td>
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<td>o <strong>Contains</strong> – exact search (If multiple words are entered, those words must appear together exactly as entered). Type in CAS numbers rather than pasting</td>
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<td>o <strong>Owner</strong> – type in the owner’s first or last name, and click to select.</td>
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<td>o <strong>Location</strong> – choose from the drop-down list or click to choose another location.</td>
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<td>▪ The locations drop-down is populated with your alternate delivery locations. You may change your own alternate delivery locations in User Preferences.</td>
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<td>c. <strong>Import</strong>: import a list of barcodes in a .csv file to search.</td>
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<td>d. <strong>Paste</strong>: type or paste a list of barcodes to search.</td>
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<td>e. <strong>Scan</strong>: scan barcodes to search.</td>
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Notes:

- Starting a new search will clear previous search results. The exception is when using the Paste tab; check the New Search box to clear previous results.
- Maximum of 50,000 results are returned.
- Search results only display items in your sector.

Disposed items will appear in the search results unless the status is specified in an Advanced Search.

Tip: Advanced Search - using location selection

When choosing a custom location to search, your current selection is displayed in the top bar. In the example shown, floor 7 in building 301 is selected.

- Choose a Sector, building, or floor by checking the box next to the selected location.
- Use the dropdown lists to select a different building or floor.
- Choose a room or sublocation by clicking the location name, making sure all boxes are unchecked.

Tip: Advanced Search - using material search results

- You can search for a list of materials in Material Search and send the results to the Container Search page by choosing Operations -> Send Materials to Container Search.

See Quick Guide 11. Create a new material or container for material search instructions.
2. View/edit container information

A. Navigate
- Scroll to the right to see more container fields
- If more than 200 results are found, navigate to another page to see further results.
- **Export** results to Excel

B. Sort
- Sort the results by one or more fields by clicking in the column heading(s).
- Clear the sort by clicking in the Navigation bar.

C. Action
- **Click** to edit a container.
  (to change the owner or location, refer to **Step 3** below)
- Click to replicate a container.
- Click to edit container amount.
- Click for more item details.
- Some items have a warning flag . Click this to view hazard information and Codes of Practice for the material.

Tip: View Safety Data Sheet (SDS)

There is a SDS available for most chemicals in ERM. Find it by clicking in the Action column (C), then select **View Container**. Then click the document icon in the top left corner of the screen:
3. Container Operations – transfer location or owner

A. From your search results, select the containers to transfer.

B. Click Operations and choose Transfer Owner/Location to change owner or owner and location, or Transfer Location to only change the location.

Note:
- Owner defaults to the logged-in user.
- The Locations drop-down is populated by the selected recipient’s alternate delivery locations. You may change your own alternate delivery locations in User Preferences.

C. Transfer Owner/Location window
   i. Change owner
      • Enter first name or surname in Owner field.
      • Click on the desired user’s name (don’t press Enter!)
   ii. Change location (optional - check the Keep use location button if you don’t want to change the item’s location)
      • Select location from drop-down list OR
      • If required location is not available, use location button to select the location.
   iii. Click Transfer.

D. OR Transfer Location window
   i. Change location
      • Select location from drop-down list OR
      • If required location is not available, use location button to select the location (Ignore Storage Location).
   ii. Click Transfer.
4. Container Operations – dispose

A. From your search results, select the containers to dispose.
B. Click Operations.
C. Select:
   a. Dispose OR
   b. Dispose Empty
D. Click Save.

Note:
- Dispose implies that the material was disposed of by an external contractor or by destroying the material rather than using it up.
- Dispose Empty means that the contents have been used up.

Important: When disposing of MPI-restricted biologicals, it is important to record the method of disposal in SciTrack. This is done by editing the container before disposing.

1) Follow Step 2 above to edit the container □
2) Choose the appropriate disposal method listed under Disposal Code.
3) Click Save
4) Then complete Step 4 above to dispose of the container.

When disposing cell lines that are thawed for use or culture, this additional step is not required and the items should be "disposed empty".