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Guidelines for Storage and Disposal of Notifiable Low Risk Dealings

Gene Technology Regulations 2001

Subparagraph 13(2)(a)(iii)

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Background

These guidelines are issued by the Gene Technology Regulator under section 27(d) of the *Gene Technology Act 2000* (the Act) for purposes of subparagraph 13(2)(a)(iii) of the Gene Technology Regulations 2001 and take effect from the above date.

The purpose of the guidelines is to stipulate the requirements for dealings involving the storage and disposal of GMOs where the dealings have been assessed by an IBC as Notifiable Low Risk Dealings ('NLRDs').

Conditions of certification for certified facilities permit storage and disposal of GMOs outside of a certified facility provided the conditions of a licence, or the legislative arrangements for NLRDs, permit such storage and disposal. As a result of amended legislation, operating as from 1 July 2007, storage and disposal of NLRD/GMOs outside of facilities certified PC1 or PC2 will be authorised by way of Regulator's guidelines issued under 13(2)(a)(iii) of the regulations.

Accordingly, the following guidelines apply.

Storage and Disposal of NLRDs

1. To the extent that an NLRD involves storage and/or disposal of a GMO, such storage and/or disposal may be conducted in a facility which is not certified by the Regulator, provided that the person conducting the dealing complies with all of the behavioural requirements relating to storage and/or disposal which apply to the facility from which the dealings are transported for the purposes of that storage and/or disposal.

2. For purposes of the previous guideline, disposal includes decontamination.