

CHAPTER 7

Part 1: General conditions

The holder of the certification shall:

- take all reasonable steps to ensure that the facility, and all necessary equipment to be housed in the facility or accessible to the facility, is maintained over time;
- take all reasonable steps to ensure that all people working within the facility are aware of the specific requirements, particularly the work practices, to be observed in the facility; and
- ensure that the facility is inspected by an appropriately trained and experienced person at least once per year. A copy of the inspection report, regarding compliance with the Regulator's conditions of certification, shall be provided to the Regulator.

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Part 2: Specific conditions

SECTION E: Requirements for Plant House Level PC3

Note that references to plants or plant tissues in PC2 should be regarded as referring to all organisms when PC3 standards are being considered.

The PC3 standard plant house and operating procedures shall meet all the requirements of the PC2 standard as well as the following:

Construction

1. All structural joints in the plant house, including transparent sections, shall be fully sealed using an elastomeric sealant.
2. If the plant house is free-standing it shall have an anteroom for entry and exit. The innermost door shall have a door-closing device fitted. The anteroom shall be fitted with a sticky pest strip or automatic insecticide aerosol device designed to kill arthropods which gain entry. An anteroom is not necessary if the plant house connects directly with a certified small or large scale containment facility.

Operating Procedures

3. Personnel shall decontaminate their hands by washing with soap and warm water in the wash-basin provided on entering and leaving the plant house. When entering, personnel shall put on overshoes, covering clothes (e.g. gown/boiler suit) and a hat in the anteroom. These garments shall be removed on leaving the plant house and kept in the anteroom (or laboratory) between uses. They shall be laundered regularly.
4. Materials and equipment taken into or out of the plant house shall be treated by a technique demonstrated to be effective in destroying or removing all stages of the life-cycle of arthropods. This requirement applies to soil substitutes and where feasible to soil. Soil substitutes which can be readily decontaminated shall be used whenever possible. Use of soil is discouraged.

Signs

5. The entrance doors shall be clearly labelled with signs indicating the type of facility and the containment level. These signs are available from the OGTR only after the OGTR has approved certification of the facility.