

Process for Dealings Involving Intentional Release of Genetically Modified Organisms into the Environment

Maximum time period for decision 255 working days or, for limited & controlled releases, 150 working days (170 days if significant risk)

Application Submission

Extensive information required on GMOs and proposed dealings, including limits and controls. Regulator determines whether application is complete [s. 43(2)(a)] and applicant is suitable [s. 43(2)(f)]. Notification of application issued via the OGTR 's website & contact list.

Does application qualify as a limited & controlled release? (s.50A of the Act)

No

Seek advice on matters to be considered from experts, agencies & authorities prescribed under s.50.

Yes

Preparation of Risk Assessment & Risk Management Plan (RARMP)

Comprehensive RARMP in accordance with s.51 and RAF, includes:

- consideration of advice reviewed under s.50
- proposed licence conditions
- determination if 'significant risk' posed.

Risk Management Plan includes proposed licence conditions.

Consultation on RARMP
Minimum 30 days
(50 days if significant risk)

Submissions sought from public on consultation RARMP [s. 52(1)], additional media and email/mail to the OGTR contact list.

Advice also sought on consultation RARMP from prescribed experts, agencies & authorities [s. 52(3)].

Licence Decision & Conditions

RARMP finalised, taking into account advice received on risks to human health/safety & the environment (s. 56).

Applicant, prescribed contacts & submitters notified of decision in writing. Public notified via the OGTR's website & contact list.

Monitoring, Auditing, Reporting*

Monitoring to ensure compliance with licence conditions.

* Licences for general/commercial releases without conditions to restrict the movement of the GMO and its introduced genetic material may include provision for oversight measures for post release review on a case-by-case basis.