



CHANGES TO ACCREDITATION OF ORGANISATIONS

Why have the changes occurred?

The Guidelines for Accreditation of Organisations have been revised in response to both the amended Regulations, which commenced on **31 March 2007**, and the amendments to the *Gene Technology Act 2000* and consequential changes to Regulations, which come into effect on **1 July 2007**.

The new Guidelines for Accreditation of Organisations will come into effect from **1 July 2007**.

What changes have occurred?

- References to exempt dealings (including the requirement to list all exempt dealings in the annual report) have been deleted as they will no longer be applicable after 1 July 2007;
- A list of all Notifiable Low Risk Dealings (NLRDs) that have commenced in the previous 12 months must be provided with the annual report¹;
- An organisation must have established at least one IBC, or have access to another organisation's IBC, prior to accreditation; and
- If an accredited organisation changes its name or ownership it must notify the Regulator in writing within 14 days.

More information about the changes can be obtained from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator website at www.ogtr.gov.au, by email to ogtr@health.gov.au or by telephoning 1800 181 030

¹ Organisations must maintain a record of current NLRDs and provide them to the Regulator if requested to do so.