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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

Transport and supply of GMOs

It is the responsibility of all people and organisations handling GMOs to ensure that the correct approvals (eg licence, NLRD) are in place to hold, use and supply GMOs. When GMOs are being sent between organisations it is each organisation's responsibility to ensure it has the correct approvals (eg the receiving organisation is responsible for ensuring it has approvals in place before requesting the supply of GMOs).

DIR and DNIR Licences

If you have a licence authorising dealings with GMOs, you must follow the conditions on the licence as to whether you may supply the GMOs to other parties and how the GMOs must be transported. If your circumstances have changed and you now wish to supply GMOs to other parties and your licence does not permit this, you must apply for a variation of your licence to enable this. You must not send the GMOs until the licence has been varied. You may apply for a variation to your licence in writing to the address below, setting out details of the licence (i.e. number and title), the nature of the variation being requested and the reasons why it should be granted, including how you propose to manage any risks arising from the variation.

The variation request will be considered, the authority of the receiving organisation to use the GMOs checked and, if granted, a varied licence will be posted to the licence holder. After this has been received, the GMOs can be supplied and transported in accordance with that licence.

NLRDs

The GMOs must be transported in accordance with the Regulator's *Guidelines for the Transport of GMOs*. It is recommended that the organisation keep a record of the supply and receipt of GMOs, including date and destination or source and advise any recipients that they require authorisation under the *Gene Technology Act* to possess the GMOs (i.e. a licence or NLRD).

Exempt dealings

It is recommended that GMOs involved in exempt dealings be transported in accordance with the Regulator's *Guidelines for the Transport of GMOs*.

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