

Quarterly activities report for January – March 2021

The quarterly activities include details of monitoring and compliance activities by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) during the quarter. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions a number of the monitoring and compliance activities for this quarter were conducted in a desktop capacity.

Monitoring of GMO Dealings involving Intentional Release (DIR)

During the quarter the OGTR desktop inspected **one GM plant field trial site (Table 1)**.

- Current field trial sites- of the **seven** sites current in the quarter, zero were inspected.
- Post-harvest field trial sites- of the **25** sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in the quarter, **one** was inspected. The site was in Western Australia and was selected for routine desktop inspection.

Table 1 – Summary of inspection activities of GM crop field trials for the January – March 2021 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number	GM Crop	Site location (crop status ¹)
The University of Adelaide ²	DIR 152	Wheat and Barley	WA (1 PH)

Monitoring of GMO Dealings Not involving Intentional Release (DNIR), certified facilities and DIR clinical trials

During the quarter the OGTR inspected **five** organisations holding certified facilities (**Table 2**) and **one** undertaking a DIR or DNIR licence (**Table 3**).

Table 2 – Summary of organisations and facility types that the OGTR inspected for the January – March 2021 quarter.

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities monitored
Australian National University	PC2 Laboratory	2
	PC2 Animal	1
	PC2 Invertebrate	1
Tafe SA ²	PC2 Laboratory	1
	PC2 Animal	1
Monash University ²	PC2 Laboratory	2
	PC2 Animal	1

¹ PH = post-harvest site

² Desktop inspection

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities monitored
Garvan Institute of Medical Research ²	PC2 Laboratory	2
	PC2 Animal	2
Royal Prince Alfred Hospital ²	PC2 Laboratory	2
Total		15

Table 3 – Summary of inspection activities for DNIR and DIR licences for the January – March 2021 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence number
Monash University ²	DNIR 556

Practice Reviews, Audits and Investigations

The Monitoring and Compliance section may initiate practice reviews in response to observations made during earlier monitoring activities, or to follow up incident reports. The objective is to determine if licence conditions can be, and are being, effectively implemented.

No practice reviews, no audits and no investigations were undertaken during the quarter.

Monitoring and Compliance Findings

Findings from routine monitoring, auditing and investigations, and related enforcement activities, are provided in the Regulator’s Annual Report in accordance with section 136 of the *Gene Technology Act 2000*.

² Desktop inspection