

Quarterly activities report for April – June 2023

The quarterly activities include details of monitoring and compliance activities by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) during the quarter.

Monitoring of GMO Dealings involving Intentional Release (DIR)

During the quarter the OGTR inspected **two** GM plant field trial sites. (**Table 1**)

- Current field trial sites - of the **four** sites current in the quarter, **one** was inspected.
- Post-harvest field trial sites - of the **eleven** sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in the quarter, **one** was inspected.
- The sites inspected in Victoria were selected as routine inspections.

Table 1 – Summary of inspection activities of GM crop field trials for the April – June 2023 quarter.

Licence Holder	Licence Number	GM Crop	Site location (crop status ¹)
Monsanto Australia Pty Ltd	DIR 164	Canola	VIC (1 PH)
Grasslanz Technology Australia Pty Limited	DIR 176	White Clover	VIC (1 C)
Total			2

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

During the quarter, the OGTR inspected **two** organisations holding certified facilities (**Table 2**) and **one** organisation holding a DNIR licence (**Table 3**).

Table 2 – Summary of organisations and facility types that the OGTR inspected for the April – June 2023 quarter.

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities monitored
The University of Queensland	PC3 Laboratory	2
	PC3 Animal Facility	2
	PC2 Laboratory	3
	PC2 Animal Facility	1
	PC2 Aquatic Facility	1
	PC2 Invertebrate Facility	1
	PC2 Large Scale Facility	1
Monash University	PC2 Invertebrate Facility	1
	PC3 Invertebrate Facility	1
Total		13

¹ PH = post-harvest site; C = current site

Table 3 – Summary of inspection activities for DNIR licences, DIR clinical and veterinary trial licences for the April – June 2023 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence number
The University of Queensland	DNIR 634

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 or to assess the effectiveness of systems used by licence holders and IBC(s). The objective is to determine if licence conditions can be, and are being, effectively implemented.

During the April – June 2023 quarter the OGTR continued its program of practice reviews, undertaking meetings with:

- P Brodie Holdings Pty Ltd t/a PB Agrifood (ID-07) - Inadvertent dealings with genetically modified soybean, as part of the practice review into the “*Preparedness of organisations to undertake an Inadvertent Dealing licence*”

During the April – June 2023 quarter the OGTR commenced an audit of Monash University in Victoria, findings will be reported in the Regulator’s Annual Report once the audit is completed.

No investigations were undertaken during the quarter.

Other Activities

During the April – June 2023 quarter the Monitoring and Compliance section:

- Attended the Enhancing Regulatory Investigations & Enforcement Outcomes Online Conference,
- Attended ANSZOG webinars “Data, data everywhere: Challenges, lessons and opportunities for regulators” and “Incentivising compliance: using behavioural insights to encourage and persuade”

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*.