



Australian Government

Department of Health and Aged Care
Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

Application for a licence

for inadvertent dealings with a genetically modified organism (GMO)

If you have inadvertently come into possession of a GMO, you should contact the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) on 1800 181 030 or by [email](#) as soon as possible. OGTR staff will discuss your situation and options, including any additional authorisations that you may need.

There are no penalties for accidentally possessing a GMO; however, it is an offence under the *Gene Technology Act 2000* (the Act) to knowingly deal¹ with a GMO without the appropriate authorisation. This includes destroying the GMO; however, if the Regulator is satisfied that you came into possession of a GMO unintentionally, you may apply for an Inadvertent Dealings Licence that allows you to dispose of the GMO in an appropriate way.

Please complete this form if you have unintentionally obtained a GMO or did not know an organism was a GMO when you obtained it.

Organism name:	Enter organism name
Applicant name:	Enter name

Did you come into possession of the GMO inadvertently?

Yes No

If No, this is not the correct application form. Please contact the OGTR.

Are you still in possession of the GMO?

If the organism is no longer alive, not capable of reproduction or not capable of transferring genetic material, select "No".

Yes No

If No, you do not need an Inadvertent Dealings Licence but please fill in and submit this form to assist us in finding other potential unauthorised GMOs.

¹ "Dealings" include propagating, breeding, growing, transporting and disposing of the GMO. You must not do any of these things with the GMO until a licence is issued.

Information

What information do we need from you?

The application form includes a number of questions about the GMO, including what it is, why you think it is a GMO, and questions that help to provide a full description of the organism. You should provide as much information as you can in answer to these questions, making sure that the information is correct to the best of your knowledge. If you have any supporting evidence such as reports or scientific papers, you should provide information on those as well.

You must answer each question unless otherwise instructed; however if you don't know the answer to a question, there are options to indicate that. You will also need to provide a contact name and details. These are needed so that we can keep you informed about the progress of your application or to discuss the application and the information with you.

Accuracy of information

The information you provide in this application must be true and accurate. The Act (and corresponding state law) provides for imprisonment and fines where a person gives information to the Regulator that the person knows to be false or misleading. If you are unable to answer some questions, you should indicate this on the application form.

Is there an application fee for an inadvertent dealings licence application?

No, there is no application fee.

How can you submit this form?

Once you have completed and signed the form, you can submit an electronic copy or a hard copy by:

- **email** to: ogtr.applications@health.gov.au
- **mail** to: Office of the Gene Technology Regulator, MDP 54, GPO Box 9848, Canberra, ACT, 2601.

Please keep a copy for your records.

What will happen after you have submitted the application?

Once this application is received, the OGTR will acknowledge the receipt of the application. Please contact us on 1800 181 030 or ogtr.applications@health.gov.au if we have not confirmed receipt within two weeks of submission.

We may contact you to request further information, and will send you a notification once the Regulator has made a decision on this application.

Personal Information

We collect personal information so the Regulator can perform the functions set out in the Act. Personal information specified in this form is collected for the purpose of assessing applications under the Act, and is handled in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APP) set out in the *Privacy Act 1988*. More information can be accessed at the OGTR's [Privacy and personal information web page](#). The OGTR's privacy policy explains how the OGTR collects, stores, uses and discloses personal information, including how a person may seek access to, or correct their personal information, and how a complaint about a breach of the APPs can be made.

Contact information

Please provide your contact details.

If the applicant is an organisation, you must be authorised to act on behalf of that organisation for this application².

Title, e.g. Ms/Mr/Dr:	Enter title
Surname:	Enter surname
First name:	Enter first name
Phone number:	Enter phone number
Email address:	Enter email address
Organisation (if applicable):	Enter organisation
Street number and name:	Enter street number and name
Town/city/locality:	Enter town/city
State/territory:	Enter state/territory
Postcode:	Enter postcode
Country:	Enter country
Postal address, if different:	Enter postal address

² This means that, if a licence is issued, you must also be authorised to act on the licence holder's behalf in all matters relating to the Regulator's administration of the licence, such as responding to requests by the Regulator for information and matters related to compliance with licence conditions.

Details about the GMO and methods of destruction

1.1 What is the GMO?

Please provide details about the organism that has been modified.

a. common name(s)

Please enter your answer or select 'Don't know'

Don't know

b. scientific name(s)?

If the GMO is the result of crossing between more than one species, please list both parents. Include both genus and species names.

Please enter your answer or select 'Don't know'

Don't know

c. cultivar, breed or variety name, if applicable

Please enter your answer, or select 'N/A' or 'Don't know'

N/A Don't know

1.2 What trait(s) are modified in the GMO?

e.g. flower colour, disease resistance, herbicide tolerance, glowing, hornless. If possible, please provide references to scientific or industry publications, or other information about the modification.

Please enter your answer or select 'Don't know'

Don't know

1.3 When and how did you come into possession of the GMO?

e.g. imported from overseas, obtained in Australia at the xyz shop, found in my paddock.

Enter answer

1.4 When and how did you find out that it was a GMO?

Enter answer

1.5 Provide the contact details for the person/organisation/retailer/vendor that was the source of the GMO.

Please enter your answer or select 'Don't know'

Don't know

1.6 In what form was the GMO obtained?

e.g. for plants: seed, whole plant, cuttings, buds for grafting, grafted material, bulb, corm, stem pieces.

e.g. for other organisms: eggs, adult animal, asexual propagule.

Please enter your answer or select 'N/A'

N/A

1.7 Have you distributed the GMO?

e.g. through wholesale, retail sales or gift

Yes No

Please provide details of where and when it was distributed. If wholesale, provide details of customers, if known.

Enter answer

1.8 Current state of possession

a. Where is the GMO now?

e.g. in my glasshouse, nursery, garden, paddock, fish tank.

Enter answer

b. What is the current reproductive state(s) of the GMO in your possession?

e.g. for plants: seed, tuber, corm, cutting, grafted, seedlings, mature plant, flowering.

e.g. for other organisms: juvenile, adult reproductive stage(s).

Enter answer

c. How much/many of the GMO do you have?

e.g. a packet of seed, 80 trays of seedlings, 600 ha paddock, five individuals.

Enter answer

1.9 How do you propose to destroy the GMO?

If you are unsure, the OGTR may be able to provide advice.

Enter answer

Declaration

This declaration must be completed and signed by the person whose contact details were entered in the *Contact information* section, or for an organisation the CEO (or equivalent), or a person with the authority to sign on behalf of the organisation.

I DECLARE THAT:

- I am a person authorised to submit this form;
- to the best of my knowledge, the information supplied on this form and any other attachment(s) is not false or misleading;
- I am aware that the making of a false or misleading statement may be punishable by imprisonment or a fine under the *Gene Technology Act 2000* and corresponding state law;
- by including my name on this form it is deemed to be my signature for the purpose of this form.

Print name:	Print name
Signature:	
Date:	Select date