

## DEFINITIONS, EXCLUSIONS, SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS

### Definitions

**Biological materials** and biological agents include (but are not limited to):

- Organic matter – biological materials that have come from once-living organisms within terrestrial and aquatic environments
- Chemical substances present in, produced in and by living organisms, such as hormones, neurotransmitters,
- Diagnostic specimens (from any animal, particularly from humans), materials that have the potential to contain infectious microorganisms (including zoonotic diseases)
- Body fluids – liquids from inside humans and animals, such as blood, lymph, saliva, sweat, urine, intraocular, cerebrospinal, semen, vaginal, synovial.
- Mucous - aqueous secretion produced by, and covering, mucous membranes such as nasal (sinus), anal, bronchial.
- Cells and cellular components from which organisms are composed, includes abnormalities such as mutations, cancers, teratomas
- Tissues - an ensemble of similar cells from the same origin that together carry out a specific function, such as nerves, muscle, bone, kidney, ligament, skin, eye, reproductive materials, cartilage.
- Substances made by or made from living organisms such as antibodies, interleukins, vaccines, toxins, allergens
- Whole or part of pathogenic and non-pathogenic bacteria, viruses, fungi (including yeasts and moulds), protozoa, parasites, their associated toxins
- plants, animals, fish, reptiles, birds, insects, cephalopod, vertebrate/invertebrate, single cell/multicellular organisms, living in aquatic and/or terrestrial environments
- Biomass, living or dead biological matter, often plants grown as fuel
- Animals, including their tissues, dander, blood or body fluids and excreta
- plants and insects, including fluids, hairs, or parts of a whole organism
- whole skeletons, individual bones (any species)
- human blood, tissues, cells, body parts, body fluids and excreta (or components of these)
- imported biological materials (including treated, untreated, fresh, preserved, irradiated, denatured, sterilised)
- Biological materials used in art works/sculptures/installations (excluding commercially obtained clays) and performance spaces.
- *Do not list Catalogue numbers. Name the biological component that is the reason for using the material.*

### **EXCLUSIONS from the register**

- Commercially purchased soils specifically for the raising of plants, and not the focus of research or teaching
- Commercially purchased animal feed, specifically for feeding research and teaching animals, and not the focus of research or teaching
- Live HUMANS – as participants such as in clinical trials, PhD research projects, social research and such
- *Radio*-biologicals eg 14C-labelled amino acids
- Fixed microscope slides so long as the biological *cannot* be revived. Wax-embedded biologicals are not always non-viable.
- Fossils, but not mummified remains which might contain microorganisms
- RNA/DNA fragments
- commercially obtained clays for art works/sculptures and such

### **SYMBOLS, ABBREVIATIONS, ACRONYMS**

- # - number
- **AA** – Approved Arrangement
- **GM related** – Genetically Modified Organisms, using Gene Technology techniques
- **Exempt** - Exempt dealing
- **NLRD** – Notifiable Low Risk Dealing
- **DNIR** – Dealing Not Intending Release
- **DIR** – Dealing Intending Release
- **OGTR** – Office of the Gene Technology Regulator
- **ACEC** – Animal Care and Ethics Committee
- **HREC** – Human Research Ethics Committee
- **RG** – risk group
- **PC** – physical containment (level)