



NEWSLETTER

Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee

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Your IBC

Farewell to Ben Quah (JCSMR) and Kathy Smith (IBC Secretary). We thank them both for their service to the IBC! Welcome to our new committee member: Ian Parish (JCSMR).

Annual Reports on Dealings

Below are a few helpful hints on completing your Annual Report to the Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee:

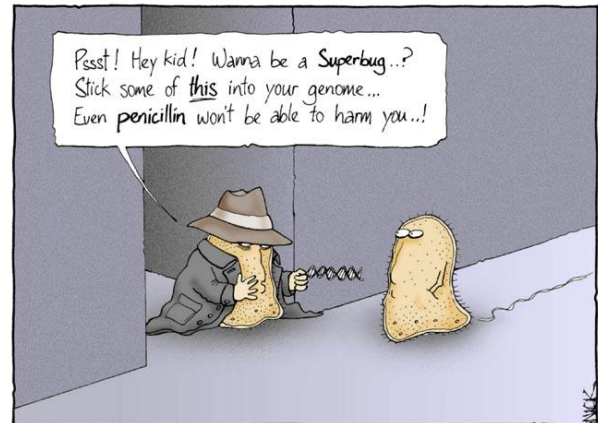
GMO inventories: It is not necessary to provide a complete list of GMOs to the IBC. A broad description of GMOs present at each storage location is sufficient. However, a detailed inventory should be available on request.

GMO Storage Locations: The IBC must be able to identify areas where GMOs are stored. The two mechanisms for this are the annual reports and records kept in labs. In your annual report, please list:

- Storage areas in your laboratories
- Cold rooms used for storage
- Liquid nitrogen storage
- Ultracold freezer storage
- Seed storage areas

Transport Accounting Requirements: As a general rule, you must keep a record of all GMOs that are sent or received by your lab.

- Before sending a GMO you should ensure that the receiving facility is authorised to accept GMOs. The receiving facility must be OGTR certified and the researcher must have a current Dealing that covers the GMO.
- Record the number of primary containers sent (so that a loss of a GMO during transport could be detected) and have confirmation that the item(s) were received.
- Record keeping is not required where transport takes place entirely within a building and the GMOs are attended at all times during transport by the transporter.



It was on a short-cut through the hospital kitchens that Albert was first approached by a member of the Antibiotic Resistance.

- A School may develop a SOP to address accounting requirements for transport between nearby campus facilities. This SOP must be vetted by the IBC.
- Record keeping is not required when waste is transported to a place of decontamination by a licensed service provider.

New Plant based research NLRD form

Two new NLRD application forms are now available on the Research Office website, one for plant based research and another for animals/microbes.

Changes to the forms include simplified entries for exempt dealings and modified traits, as well as prompts to identify DNIR level work.

Visit the IBC Website

The ANU Recombinant DNA Monitoring Committee has a website and we invite you to visit us at <https://researchservices.anu.edu.au/ori/rdna/index.php>.

On our website you can find information about GMOs with links to OGTR requirements, copies of our newsletters, facility inspection requirements, information about applying for a dealing (exempt, NLRD, DNIR or DIR), application forms and more.

Need help?

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