



## Security Sensitive Biological Agents Regulatory Scheme

# Destruction

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### Introduction

Facilities must report destruction of security sensitive biological agents (SSBAs) to the Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) when the entire holding of an SSBA is destroyed or if the SSBA is a toxin and the remaining quantity falls below the reportable quantity. You are required to submit this form as soon as possible and within two business days of the event occurring.

Facilities may apply to de-register if their entire holdings of all SSBAs are disposed of (or for a toxin the remaining quantity falls below the reportable quantity) either by destruction or transfer. There is a section in this form for applying to de-register.

### Providing information to the Australian CDC

The information you provide to the Australian CDC is mandated by the *National Health Security Act 2007* and will be included on the National Register of SSBAs.

It is important to answer all questions and to provide accurate information. If the information you provide is incorrect or incomplete, the Australian CDC may require you to provide additional information. This may cause delays.

### Privacy

Personal information provided to the Australian CDC will comply with the requirements of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

### Application Authorisation

Please ensure that the person completing this form holds the appropriate authority to submit this application on behalf of the entity or facility.

### Instructions on preparing this notification

This document allows electronic entry of information into the required fields. It is recommended that, where possible, this form should be completed on a computer and a copy printed, signed and sent to the Australian CDC.

All questions are mandatory and must be completed. If the space provided in each field is not sufficient to complete your answer, please include any additional information in an attachment with the information clearly marked as to which question it relates to.

Please ensure you retain a copy of this completed form as the Australian CDC is unable to provide copies of submitted documents.

### Lodgement

To lodge this form via post you will need to use an opaque envelope and post using Australia Post's Registered Mail service. You are considered to have submitted the report at the date and time shown on the registered post receipt.

**Please do not email or fax forms to the Australian CDC as these cannot be accepted.**

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All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

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Please submit all postal applications to:

The Director  
Laboratories and Pathogen Security Section  
Australian Centre for Disease Control  
MDP 140, GPO Box 9848  
Canberra ACT 2601

Once the Australian CDC has received the form, you will be provided with a confirmation of receipt by email to the contact officer listed for the facility.

**Further Information**

Please use your facility reference number to refer to any matters relating to your facility.

If you have any queries about this form, please contact the SSBA Regulatory Scheme:

Telephone: (02) 6289 7477

Email: [ssba@cdc.gov.au](mailto:ssba@cdc.gov.au)

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

## PART 1: FACILITY DETAILS

*Please complete the details for the entity and facility.*

Facility registration number	
Entity name	
Facility name	

## PART 2: DESTRUCTION OF SSBA

*Please complete this section if you are destroying your entire holding of an SSBA.*

SSBA Details	
What SSBA have you destroyed?	Select SSBA Select SSBA Select SSBA
Specific strain, serotype or toxin subunit (if applicable)	
Date of destruction	
Reason for destruction	
Method of destruction	
Comments	
Have you destroyed your entire holding <sup>1</sup> of <u>this/these</u> SSBA at this facility?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> move to next question No <input type="checkbox"/> move to Part 2
Would you like to retain the facility's registration for <u>this/these</u> SSBAs?	Yes <sup>2</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> please complete next question and move to Part 2 No <sup>3</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> please complete Section 3
If yes, why?	

<sup>1</sup> If the SSBA is a toxin has the remaining quantity fallen below the reportable quantity?

<sup>2</sup> You must continue to report Administrative Reportable Events (including changes to Responsible Officer details and changes to entity and facility details) and must inform the Australian CDC via a *Transfer In* form when you receive this SSBA in future.

<sup>3</sup> This de-registration will not affect any other facilities registered by the entity or any SSBAAs handled in those facilities, even if they are the same as those in the de-registered facility.

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

## PART 3: DE-REGISTRATION

*Please complete this section if you no longer hold SSBAAs and wish to apply to de-register.*

De-Registration	
Has this facility disposed of its entire holdings <sup>1</sup> of <u>all</u> SSBAAs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> please complete the remaining question No <input type="checkbox"/> you are required to stay registered
Would you like this facility to remain registered to handle SSBAAs?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> you must report Administrative Reportable Events <sup>2</sup> and must inform the Australian CDC when you receive SSBA in the future No <input type="checkbox"/> please be aware that if you receive SSBA in the future you will need to complete a new <i>Initial Registration</i> application form

<sup>2</sup> If the SSBA is a toxin the remaining quantity falls below the reportable quantity.

<sup>3</sup> This includes changes to Responsible Officer details and annual/biannual reports.

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## PART 4: SIGNATURES

The information collected on this form may be used by the Australian CDC to decide whether to vary the National Register of Security Sensitive Biological Agents (National Register). If a decision is made to vary the National Register, the information contained on this form, including personal information, will be recorded on the National Register by the Australian CDC.

The information collected on this form is authorised under the *National Health Security Act 2007* and *National Health Security Regulations 2018*. Information collected on this form may be disclosed by the Australian CDC to the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, law enforcement agencies such as the Australian Federal Police and State and Territory police forces, other agencies responsible for responding to emergencies and other specified persons. The Australian CDC is unlikely to disclose personal information to overseas recipients.

The Australian CDC adheres to the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and has an Australian Privacy Principles (APP) privacy policy which you can access at <https://www.cdc.gov.au/resources/publications/privacy-policy>. For further information on the privacy policy, please contact the Australian CDC at [privacy@cdc.gov.au](mailto:privacy@cdc.gov.au). Your personal information is protected by law, and by providing your personal information to us, you acknowledge the Australian CDC collecting your details for the purpose of administering the SSBA Regulatory Scheme.

The National Register is hosted and maintained by the Department of Home Affairs.

I declare that:

- I am duly authorised to sign this declaration on behalf of the entity associated with this facility;
- The information supplied on this form and any attachment is true and correct; and
- This entity is compliant with the SSBA Standards currently in force.

Signature	
Date	
Full name (Please print)	
Position title	
Contact telephone number	
Contact e-mail address	