



Security Sensitive Biological Agents Regulatory Scheme

Incident Report

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Please complete this form for the following incidents which are reportable events:

- Loss of an SSBA.
- Theft of an SSBA.
- Attempted theft of an SSBA.
- Unauthorised access to SSBAs or sensitive information relating to SSBAs.
- Attempted unauthorised access to SSBAs or sensitive information relating to SSBAs.
- Accidental release of SSBAs.
- A person affected by an SSBA as a result of the entity handling the SSBA.

You can also use this form to report any temporary arrangements put in place when dealing with an emergency situation, such as, emergency maintenance to a facility. Please tick the “Other” box under Incident type and provide details.

Introduction

Registered facilities must report to the Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) all incidents that are defined as reportable events, whether they occur intentionally or by accident. You are required to submit this form as soon as possible and within two business days of the discovery of the incident.

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.

Providing information to law enforcement agencies

The NHS Act mandates that the following events must also be reported to law enforcement:

- Loss.
- Theft.
- Attempted theft.
- Unauthorised access to SSBAs or sensitive information relating to SSBAs.
- Attempted unauthorised access to SSBAs.

Privacy

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

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

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.

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

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: INCIDENT TYPE

Please tick which incident is applicable. Please note that you will need to complete a separate incident report for each incident.

<input type="checkbox"/> Loss of an SSBA	<input type="checkbox"/> Theft of an SSBA
<input type="checkbox"/> Unauthorised Access to an SSBA or Sensitive Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempted Theft of an SSBA
<input type="checkbox"/> Attempted Unauthorised Access to an SSBA or Sensitive Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Accidental Release of an SSBA
<input type="checkbox"/> A person affected by an SSBA as a result of the entity handling the SSBA	<input type="checkbox"/> Other, please provide details in Part 3

PART 3: INCIDENT DETAILS

Please complete the table below providing details of the incident.

Incident details	
Date detected	
Date incident occurred	Unknown: <input type="checkbox"/> Date: Date range: from: to:
Location of incident (if known)	
Brief description of the incident or event	
SSBA (1) involved (if applicable)	Select SSBA
Specific strain, serotype or toxin subunit (if applicable)	
SSBA (2) involved (if applicable)	Select SSBA
Specific strain, serotype or toxin subunit (if applicable)	

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

PART 4: REPORTING

Please complete details of who you have reported the incident to.

Reported To	Date Reported	Order Reported	Reference Number
Law Enforcement		Please Select Order	
The Australian CDC		Please Select Order	N/A

PART 5: SECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

Please provide details regarding your security risk management plan.

Has your security risk management plan been updated in accordance with the SSBA Standards?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Action taken		

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

PART 6: 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. 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	