



Security Sensitive Biological Agents Regulatory Scheme

Start to Handle a New SSBA

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Introduction

Facilities must report to the Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC) as soon as possible and within two business days of starting to handle a new SSBA.

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 completing this form

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

PART 1: FACILITY DETAILS

Complete the details for the entity and facility.

Facility registration number	
Entity name	
Facility name	

PART 2: SSBA DETAILS

Please complete the table below for the SSBA that this facility has started to handle. The National Health Security Act 2007 defines handling as receiving, holding, using or storing SSBAs

SSBA Details	
Name of SSBA	Select SSBA
Specific strain, serotype or toxin subunit (if applicable)	
Is the facility currently handling this SSBA?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> → Start date of handling: No <input type="checkbox"/> → please complete question below
If no, proposed start date of handling this SSBA	
Is this SSBA only handled and stored within the registered facility?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> → please move to Part 3 of this form No <input type="checkbox"/> → please complete questions below
Is this SSBA stored in another registered facility?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> → Registration number: please move to Part 3 of this form No <input type="checkbox"/> → please complete question below
Is this SSBA stored in this facility's linked storage unit?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> → please complete questions below No <input type="checkbox"/> → please contact the Australian CDC if you have answered no to the two questions above
Is the linked storage unit already registered with the Australian CDC?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> → please provide details: then move to Part 3 below No <input type="checkbox"/> → please complete questions below
Storage facility's name	
Is this storage facility located within the same building? <i>Note: the storage facility must be within the same building as the registered facility and preferably on the same floor.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> → move to next question No <input type="checkbox"/> → comments:
Location of storage facility within the building (e.g. room number/floor/building name)	
Has this storage facility been included as part of the facility's risk assessment and management plans? <i>Note: the storage facility must be included in the risk assessment and risk management plan.</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> → comments:
Is the storage unit fixed and non-transportable?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> → comments:

PART 3: HANDLING PURPOSE

Please complete the table below for the SSBA that this facility has started to handle. The National Health Security Act 2007 defines handling as receiving, holding, using or storing SSBA's

Section 1 - Handling Purpose 1	
Purpose for handling this SSBA Please note: If you are handling the SSBA for research purposes you will need to complete Section 2 for this SSBA.	
Start date for this purpose <i>(if different from handling start date)</i>	
Section 2 – Handling an SSBA for Research purposes	
<i>If you are handling the SSBA for research purposes, please answer the following questions. If you have multiple, independent research projects you will need to separately complete the questions below for each project.</i>	
Project title	
Principle Researcher(s)	
Briefly describe the research project and anticipated outcomes or application of the research (100 words)	
Please indicate which committees oversee this research (e.g. Institutional Biosafety Committee, Ethics Committees etc)	
Please indicate if the research is being undertaken in collaboration with another organisation domestically or internationally	
Please provide a specific list of previous (past 5 years) and current funding for this research project	
Please provide publication citations from the principal investigators (relevant to the work if it is a long-term project, or past 5 year's citations from research team, including collaborators, if new work).	

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All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

Section 1 - Handling Purpose 2

Purpose for handling this SSBA
(if applicable)

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Start date for this purpose
(if different from handling start date)

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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. 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	