



Security Sensitive Biological Agents Regulatory Scheme

Transfer In

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Introduction

Facilities must report transfers of security sensitive biological agents (SSBAs) as soon as possible and within two business days of the transfer occurring.

Providing information to the Australian Centre for Disease Control (CDC)

The information you provide to the Australian CDC is mandated by the *National Health Security Act 2007 (NHS Act)* 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 unsuccessful transfers must also be reported to law enforcement. Unsuccessful transfer includes the incomplete arrival of a shipment as stated in the shipment documents and/or evidence of tampering to the shipping container.

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.

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

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: TRANSFER IN

Please complete this section if you have received an SSBA.

Sending Facility Details	
Sending facility name	
Sending facility telephone number	
Sending Facility Physical Address	
Address 1	
Address 2	
Suburb/City	
State	
Postcode	
Transfer In Details	
SSBA that you have received	Select SSBA
Specific strain, serotype or toxin subunit <i>(if applicable)</i>	
Date of transfer from sending facility	
Arrival date of SSBA	
Have you notified the sending facility that the SSBA arrived?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> move to next question No <input type="checkbox"/> please notify the sending facility as per the SSBA Standards
Was the transfer successful according to the SSBA Standards?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> move to next question No <input type="checkbox"/> complete Part 6 - Unsuccessful Transfer and continue with the following questions
What do you intend to do with the SSBA?	Handle SSBA <input type="checkbox"/> Please complete Part 3 Destroy SSBA <input type="checkbox"/> Please complete Part 4 Transfer SSBA <input type="checkbox"/> Please complete Part 5

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PART 3: HANDLE SSBA

Please complete this section if you intend to handle the SSBA.

Handle SSBA	
Are you registered to handle this SSBA?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> move to next question No <input type="checkbox"/> you must complete the <i>Start to Handle a New SSBA form</i>
Are you recommencing handling this SSBA after a period of not handling?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> move to next question No <input type="checkbox"/> move to next question
Is the handling purpose the same as the registered purpose?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> you must complete the <i>Change of Purpose for handling an SSBA form</i>

PART 4: DESTRUCTION OF TRANSFERRED SSBA

Please complete this section if you intend to destroy this sample of the SSBA. If you intend to dispose of your entire holdings of this SSBA, please complete the Destruction form.

Destruction	
Date of destruction	
Method of destruction	

PART 5: TRANSFER OF SSBA

Please complete this section if you intend to transfer this SSBA.

Transfers	
Have you transferred this SSBA?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> You will need to complete the <i>Transfer Out form</i> . No <input type="checkbox"/> You must complete Section 3 or 4

PART 6: UNSUCCESSFUL TRANSFER

Please complete this section if the transfer was unsuccessful.

Unsuccessful Transfer	
Please provide a brief description of what happened	
Have you updated your security risk management plan in accordance with the SSBA Standards?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> move to next question No <input type="checkbox"/> you must update your security risk management plan
Have you notified the sending facility that the transfer was unsuccessful?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> you must notify the sending facility as per the SSBA Standards
Comments	

All fields are mandatory unless otherwise stated.

PART 7: 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	