

Quarterly activities report for April – June 2017

The quarterly activities include details of monitoring and compliance activities by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) during the quarter.

Monitoring of GMO Dealings involving Intentional Release (DIR)

During the quarter OGTR inspected **10 GM plant field trial sites** (Table 1). The inspections comprised:

Current field trial sites: Of the **19** sites current in the quarter, **three** were inspected. This represents a monitoring rate of **16 per cent** of all current sites for the quarter.

Post-harvest field trial sites: Of the **71** sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in the quarter, **seven** were inspected. This represents an inspection rate of **10 per cent** of all sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in this quarter.

Table 1 – Summary of inspection activities of GM crop field trials for the April – June 2017 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number	GM Crop	Site location (crop status ¹)
Nuseed Pty Ltd	DIR 123	Canola	West Wimmera (3P)
Go Resources	DIR 131	Safflower	West Wimmera (1P) Horsham (2P)
Sugar Research Australia Limited	DIR 129	Sugarcane	Bundaberg (3C, 1P)

¹C = current site, P = post-harvest site

Monitoring of GMO Dealings Not involving Intentional Release (DNIR) and certified facilities

During the quarter OGTR inspected **seven** organisations holding certified facilities (Table 2) and **three** organisations undertaking DNIR licences (Table 3).

Table 2 – Summary of organisations and facility types that the OGTR inspected for the April – June 2017 quarter.

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities monitored
Eurofins Agrosience Services Pty Ltd	PC2 Plant	1

Organisation	Physical Containment (PC) level	Number of facilities monitored
Seqirus Pty Ltd	PC2 Large Scale	4
St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	PC2 Laboratory	4
	PC1 Facility	1
Intervet Australia Pty Ltd	PC2 Large Scale	1
	PC2 Laboratory	1
Harry Perkins Institute of Medical Research	PC2 Laboratory	2
The University of Western Australia	PC2 Laboratory	3
Curtin University	PC2 Laboratory	2
Total		19

Table 3 – Summary of inspection activities for DNIR licences for the April – June 2017 quarter.

Licence holder	Licence Number
Seqirus Pty Ltd	DNIR-352
	DNIR-425
St Vincent's Institute of Medical Research	DNIR-558
Intervet Australia Pty Ltd	DNIR-301

Practice Reviews, Audits and Investigations

The Monitoring and Compliance section may initiate Practice Reviews in response to observations made during earlier monitoring activities, or to follow up incident reports. The objective is to determine if licence conditions can be, and are being, effectively implemented.

One Practice Review was conducted during the April - June 2017 quarter covering Transport Storage and Disposal. This review will be reported in the annual report.

Monitoring and Compliance staff reviewed the quality assurance programs of a seed breeding company in New South Wales as part of the OGTR Unintended Presence Strategy. These activities are ongoing and will be reported in the annual report.

Monitoring and Compliance Findings

Findings from routine monitoring, auditing and investigations, and related enforcement activities, will be provided in the Regulator's Annual Report in accordance with section 136 of the *Gene Technology Act 2000*.