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From: [REDACTED] on behalf of OGTR CDES
Sent: Monday, 25 January 2016 14:35
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: HackerSpace - import DIY CRISPR kits? [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your query regarding DIY CRISPR -kits.

On OGTR website there is some information provided regarding DIY activities which may be useful please feel free to have a read:

<http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/DIYBioResearch2-htm>

<http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/gmo-supply-htm>

To give you a brief over view of Australian regulatory system for work involving GMOs, ***The Gene Technology Act 2000 prevents all dealings with GMOs in Australia unless they are:***

- **licenced dealings** approved by the Gene Technology Regulator, subject to conditions on activities, and conducted in particular certified facilities; or
- **notifiable low risk dealings** authorised by an Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) on behalf of an accredited organisation, subject to conditions on activities, and conducted in regulated classes of certified facilities; or
- **exempt dealings**, must not involve an intentional release of the GMO into the environment and are set out in *Schedule 2 Dealings exempt from licensing* of the Gene Technology Regulations.

There are offences for dealing with GMOs outside these categories of activity and for not complying with the requirements for these categories of activity.

The most easily accessible level of dealings with GMOs is the exempt dealing category. Some groups in Australia are now moving towards developing their own [certified facilities](#) and IBCs and becoming accredited organisations under the regulatory system as part of phased approaches to possibly undertaking higher levels of dealing. In any event, I thought it would be useful to give you the link to our [webpage](#), particularly on [Exempt Dealings](#). It [describes](#) these dealings, advises that Exempt dealings do not require a specified level of containment but further says that the Regulator has released [Guidance Notes](#) for the Containment of Exempt Dealings, that are effectively equivalent to those for facilities certified by the Regulator to [Physical Containment Level 1 \(PC1\)](#). It also has a link to [the List of host/vector systems classified as 'exempt'](#), being the dealings described in Schedule 2, Part 1 of the regulations. The guidance notes advise that the *only further legislative requirement for exempt dealings is that they do not involve an intentional release of the GMO into the environment.*

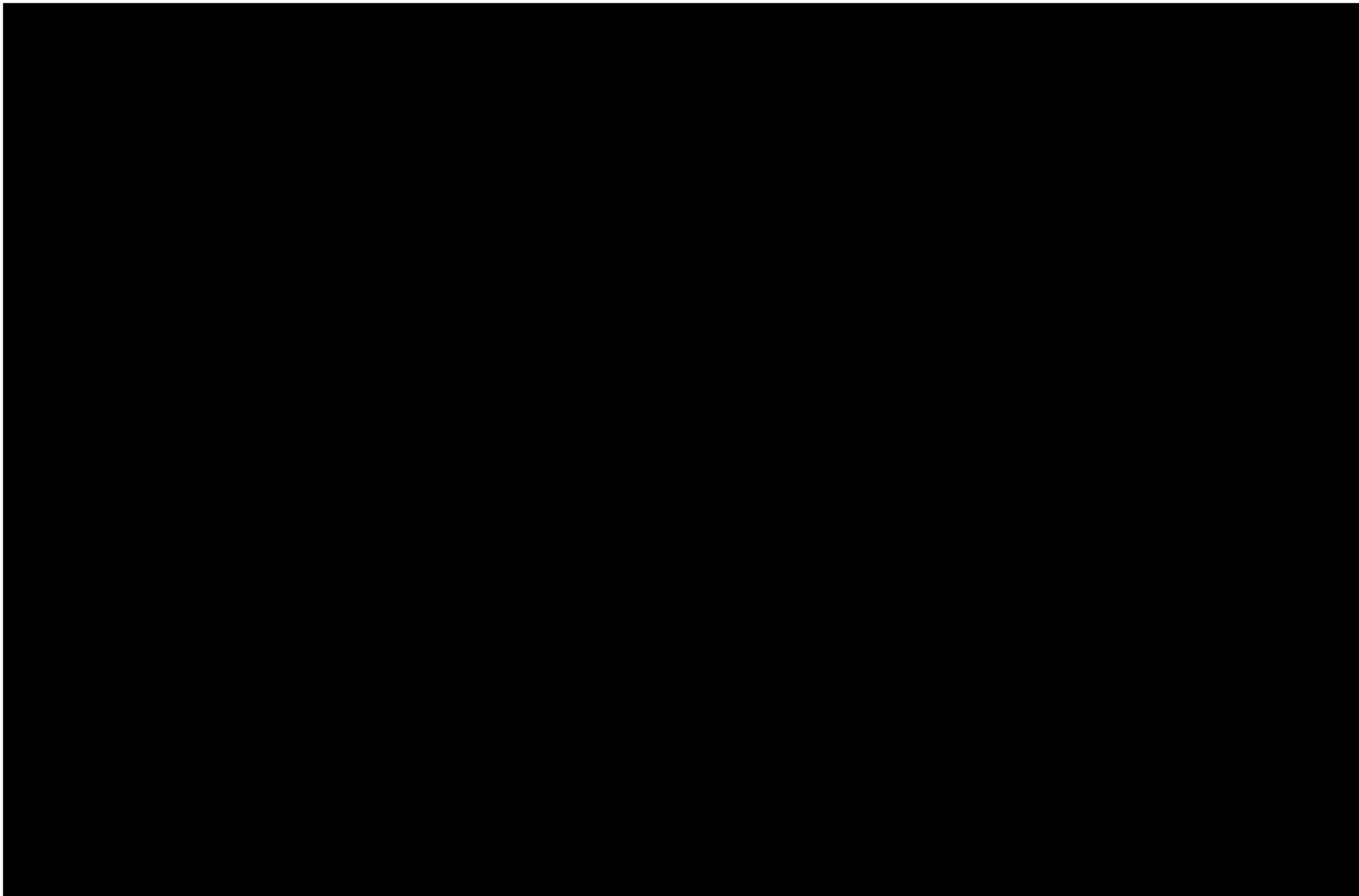
Thanks again for contacting OGTR and I hope above information is helpful. Please feel free to contact us if you need any further information.

Kind Regards

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Hi [REDACTED], My name is [REDACTED]. I am a science teacher. I am interested in the idea of Hacker Spaces.

[REDACTED] from [REDACTED] gave me your email address.



I was hoping that you could help me with a query I have.
Are you aware of whether I can import DIY CRISPR kits?
<https://www.indiegogo.com/projects/diy-crispr-kits-learn-modern-science-by-doing#/>

Regards, [REDACTED]

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