**Quarterly activities report for April – June 2023**

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 the OGTR inspected **two** GM plant field trial sites. **(Table 1)**

* Current field trial sites - of the **four** sites current in the quarter, **one** was inspected.
* Post-harvest field trial sites - of the **eleven** sites subject to post-harvest monitoring in the quarter, **one** was inspected.
* The sites inspected in Victoria were selected as routine inspections.

Table 1 – Summary of inspection activities of GM crop field trials for the April – June 2023 quarter.

| **Licence Holder** | **Licence Number** | **GM Crop**  | **Site location (crop status**1**)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Monsanto Australia Pty Ltd | DIR 164 | Canola | VIC (1 PH) |
| Grasslanz Technology Australia Pty Limited | DIR 176 | White Clover | VIC (1 C) |
| **Total** |  |  | **2** |

**Monitoring of GMO Dealings Not involving Intentional Release (DNIR), certified facilities and DIR clinical and veterinary trials**

During the quarter, the OGTR inspected **two** organisations holding certified facilities (**Table 2)** and **one** organisation holding a DNIR licence (**Table 3**).

Table 2 – Summary of organisations and facility types that the OGTR inspected for the April – June 2023 quarter.

| **Organisation** | **Physical Containment (PC) level**  | **Number of facilities monitored** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| The University of Queensland | PC3 LaboratoryPC3 Animal FacilityPC2 LaboratoryPC2 Animal FacilityPC2 Aquatic FacilityPC2 Invertebrate FacilityPC2 Large Scale Facility | 2231111 |
| Monash University | PC2 Invertebrate Facility PC3 Invertebrate Facility | 11 |
| **Total** |  | **13** |

Table 3 – Summary of inspection activities for DNIR licences, DIR clinical and veterinary trial licences for the April – June 2023 quarter.

| **Licence holder** | **Licence number**  |
| --- | --- |
| The University of Queensland | DNIR 634 |

**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 or to assess the effectiveness of systems used by licence holders and IBC(s). The objective is to determine if licence conditions can be, and are being, effectively implemented.

During the April – June 2023 quarter the OGTR continued its program of practice reviews, undertaking meetings with:

* P Brodie Holdings Pty Ltd t/a PB Agrifood (ID-07) - Inadvertent dealings with genetically modified soybean, as part of the practice review into the “*Preparedness of* *organisations to undertake an Inadvertent Dealing licence”*

During the April – June 2023 quarter the OGTR commenced an audit of Monash University in Victoria, findings will be reported in the Regulator’s Annual Report once the audit is completed.

No investigations were undertaken during the quarter.

**Other Activities**

During the April – June 2023 quarter the Monitoring and Compliance section:

* Attended the Enhancing Regulatory Investigations & Enforcement Outcomes Online Conference,
* Attended ANSZOG webinars “Data, data everywhere: Challenges, lessons and opportunities for regulators” and “Incentivising compliance: using behavioural insights to encourage and persuade”

**Monitoring and Compliance Findings**

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