Biological Risk Management and Containment

Appendix 3

How to determine whether an organism is classified as an Unwanted Organism

Containment Laboratory Guidelines

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1. Who are these guidelines for?

These guidelines are intended for principal investigators (PIs), designated persons in charge, designated laboratory person (DLPs), technical staff and students trained in the safe use of risk biologicals in appropriate containment facilities.

2. Introduction

The MPI databases will give you a reasonable basis to decide whether the particular organism is an unwanted organism in NZ.

3. Navigation

3.1. Go to Official New Zealand Pest Register website:

https://pierpestregister.mpi.govt.nz/Home/
3.2.  **Click to the Search the Pest Register - import to NZ (this online tools replace the Unwanted Organisms Register)**

![Image of Official New Zealand Pest Register]

The Pest Register is a searchable database of pests regulated in New Zealand, and includes general information about each pest as well as specific details for importers and exporters.

**Search the Pest Register - imports to NZ**
A search tool for NZ importers, including regulated pests and action upon interception.

**Search the Pest Register - exports from NZ**
A search tool for NZ exporters, including regulated pests and Country Freedom Status.

3.3.  **Check for your organism**

OFFICIAL NEW ZEALAND PEST REGISTER

Pest Register for Importing Commodities to New Zealand

This online tool replaces BIOIC (Biosecurity Organisms Register for Imported Commodities), the UOR (Unwanted Organisms Register) and Country Freedom Status lists.

**Search for pest information**

Make selections, or type in the search box. You can fill in (or leave blank) whichever fields you wish.

**Pest scientific name**
- Select one -

**Organism type**
- Select one -

**Regulatory status**
- Regulated
- Non regulated
- Not assessed

**Unwanted**
- Yes
- No

**Notifiable**
- Yes
- No

**Search**

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3.4. Find the information for your organism

OFFICIAL NEW ZEALAND PEST REGISTER
Pest Register for Importing Commodities to New Zealand
This online tool replaces DORC (Biosecurity Organisms Register for Imported Commodities), the UOR (Unwanted Organisms Register) and Country Freedom Status Lists.
About the Pest Register

Search for pest information

Showing results 1 - 1 of 1 for "Rhodotorula rubra"

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Database search results for: 4 December 2020

Important

Special Chief Technical Officer approval is required under s52 of the Biosecurity Act to transfer into the University or work with Unwanted Organisms.

If you find that your organism is on the Unwanted Organism list, please contact the Biosafety Officer. The item must be held in quarantine pending approval, and not be transmitted/transferred to another facility until MPI approval is obtained. Alternatively, you might be asked to destroy it at MPI discretion. In any case, contact the Biosafety Officer for advice before destruction.