
Unwanted Organism Permission Application Pack

(In accordance with section 52 and/or section 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993)

Please read this important information on making your application to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand for a section 52 and or a section 53 permission of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

- The information in the application form is required to form the permission decision document for activities involving unwanted organisms that would otherwise be prohibited under sections 52 and/or 53 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.
- The application form has a description (in italics) of what is required from the applicant. Please fill this out electronically using as much room as you need. Please take the time to complete every section of this form providing as much detail as possible (see the example of a completed application form for what is required by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand).
- A Section 52 & 53 permission is a statutory decision made by the Chief Technical Officer that is not made lightly; it is an authorisation to carry out an act that is normally prohibited. Therefore, full, frank and accurate disclosure of all relevant information by applicants is required, and any uncertainty regarding such information must be declared in the application. If incorrect or incomplete information is given, this permission may be denied or repealed.
- Your application will not proceed until all information is provided. An incomplete application form will be returned to sender for completion.
- Questions relating to the completion of this form and completed applications should be directed to: Jennie Brunton (jennie.brunton@maf.govt.nz)

Note: Applications and submissions may be the subject of requests for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). The OIA specifies that information is to be made available to requesters unless there are sufficient grounds for withholding it. Submitters may wish to indicate grounds for withholding specific information, such as if the information is commercially sensitive.

Attachment two: Application form

1. Applicant Contact Details <i>[all boxes are required to be filled in]</i>	
Name of person(s) who will hold the exemption:	<i>[All persons carrying out this activity must be listed as exemption holders. Please provide all names and job titles if applicable.]</i>
Private/Organisation:	<i>[Record whether this is a private application or if you are carrying out this activity for an organisation, i.e. regional council, Government department or research facility].</i>
Physical and postal address:	<i>[Include all necessary addresses. This includes the address of the research facility, containment facility, storage/experimental or harvesting locations and applicant holder locations etc.]</i>
Name of contact person(s) for the application	<i>[This is the name of the person that the MAFBNZ adviser can contact to query information in this application form.]</i>
Contact Telephone number:	Work: <i>[put the relevant phone numbers of the contact person]</i> Mobile:
Contact Email:	<i>[put the email address of the contact person]</i>

2. Information on the Organism(s) <i>[all boxes are required to be filled in] If this application is for more than one species, please detail each organisms separately within each section.</i>	
Scientific name (genus, species):	<i>[list the most up to date taxonomic classification]</i>
Taxonomic Classification (class, order, family & any strains, variants or forms):	<i>[list the most up to date taxonomic classification]</i>
Synonyms:	<i>[what else is the organism(s) known as]</i>
Common name:	<i>[list all known common names]</i>
Distribution within New Zealand, if present:	<i>[This should be written in paragraph format and a map of locations provided if possible]</i>
Description of organism	<i>[Describe the characteristics i.e. growth form of the organism]</i>
Organism state (whole, germplasm, seed, spore etc.):	<i>[Describe if you will be using the entire organism(s) or which part(s) of the organism(s) you seek permission to use]</i>
Adverse effects or impacts of the organism:	<i>[This should be written in paragraph format and reference supplied if available. Explain what type of organism it is, its reproductive ability, its pest status and why it is a pest, what are the pest qualities of this organism]</i>
Is the organism included in any RPMS, National Pest Management Strategy (NPMS), other management strategy or programme?	<i>[List which RPMS the organism(s) is included in. Note if the organism(s) is included in the RPMS for the area where you are requesting to do the work]</i>
Is the organism a notifiable organism?	<i>[To see if the organism(s) for which you are applying are]</i>

	<p>Notifiable check the following website http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/commercial-imports/unwanted-organisms-register/search/</p>
<p>Is the organism a new organism as defined in section 2A of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996?</p>	<p>Search the HSNO Act via the legislation website link below http://www.legislation.co.nz/browse_vw.asp?content-set=pal_statutes</p>
<p>If “yes” to the above, is the organism approved under the HSNO Act?</p>	<p>[check with ERMA NZ http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/]</p>
<p>If “yes” to the above, what is the ERMA New Zealand Approval Number?</p>	<p>[check with ERMA NZ http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/]</p>

3.0 Reason for the Permission

3.1 What is the reason/purpose for the permission?

[Explain in paragraph format for what purpose do you want to have a permission to hold an unwanted organism i.e. for display, education, research]

3.2 If the reason/purpose is for research, please describe the purpose of the research in full:

[Explain in paragraph format or provide an outline paper of the research]

3.3 What benefits would result from allowing this activity to occur?

[Explain in paragraph format the benefits to the country i.e. environmental, economic, social or cultural benefits?]

4.0 Containment (if applicable)

4.1 Describe the containment facility [This section is applicable if you are planning to hold the organism outside of its natural environment. If your application does not involve a facility explain why and where you will be carrying out the work]

[Explain this in paragraph format. Please provide a full description of where the organism is to be contained, including physical address, what the facility is looks like provide photos if possible, what measures the facility has to stop the organism escaping. Ensure you declare any areas of uncertainty]

4.2 How will the organism(s) be transported?

[Provide a full description in paragraph format of how the organism will be moved including: what holding mechanisms i.e. secure storage crates, will be used when transporting the organism, and details of the travel route. Explain if the organism is found all along the travel route or if your transport route will take you through areas where the organism is not present. Provide photos if possible and declare any areas of uncertainty].

4.3 Security measures to prevent the organisms spreading in case of escape

[Describe in paragraph format the proposed security measures to prevent the organisms spreading in case of escape during transport during: collection, transportation, at the containment facility and at an exhibition or commercial site].

4.4 Disposal of the organism

[Explain in paragraph format how you will dispose of the organism(s) once your activity has been completed. Include procedure i.e. spraying with x herbicide and then incineration and the location where disposal will be carried i.e. incinerated remains will be placed in the deep fill landfill at x. Ensure you declare any areas of uncertainty].

4.5 Management of the organism if it escaped?

[Do you propose to try to manage the organism should it escape while in your care. If so give details including management options that you would use. If not explain why not].

5.0 Risks

5.1 Risk of the organism escaping and establishing self sustaining population

[Explain in paragraph format the reproductive ability of the organism and its ability to form self sustaining populations].

5.2 What costs would result from the organism escaping?

[E.g. are there costs to biosecurity? are there economic, social or cultural costs? What are these costs?].

6.0 Other Matters

6.1 How will organism specimens be obtained?

[Where will the organisms be collected from, where will they come from (please note all locations i.e. if marine which coasts or bays will the organism be collected, if freshwater which parts of which waterways and if terrestrial which sites or tracts of land) what methods will be involved in the collection]. Provide a map if applicable

6.2 What is the duration of the permission and activity?

[What is the start and finish date of your activity. List all activities and time frames for each if applicable i.e. collection of organism march – April 2008, research in lab April – April 2009, Disposal May 2009. Ensure you incorporate disposal at the completion of the project in the duration dates].

6.3 Are there any implications for Māori or their taonga?

[What taonga species could be positively or negatively affected? Does this activity promote the protection of indigenous species, if so how.]

6.4 Has any consultation been undertaken and what was the outcome?

[List who you have consulted regarding this application and where possible attached the comments or correspondence. Contact details of these people are also required].

7.0 Supporting information

7.1 What information are you supplying in support of your application?

[Please attach literature, maps, or internet links that apply to this application form or that you have referred to or used as references in this application]