

**Overarching Principle and Intent**

The Biosafety and Radiation Safety Committee (BRSC) deals with a range of matters including those related to genetically modified organisms. The scope of the legislative and compliance matters include the Gene Technology Act and Regulations, as well as the Work Health and Safety legislation.

**Definition of a Dealing with a GMO**

Under the *Gene Technology Act*to ***deal with***, in relation to a GMO, means the following:

1. conduct experiments with the GMO;
2. make, develop, produce or manufacture the GMO;
3. breed the GMO;
4. propagate the GMO;
5. use the GMO in the course of manufacture of a thing that is not the GMO;
6. grow, raise or culture the GMO;
7. import the GMO;
8. transport the GMO;
9. dispose of the GMO;

and includes the possession, supply or use of the GMO for the purposes of, or in the course of, a dealing mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (i).

**Related Policies, Procedures & Forms:**

[Gene Technology Act 2000](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2011C00539)

[Gene Technology Regulations 2001](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2011C00732)

[OGTR Guidelines for the Transport, Storage and Disposal of GMOs](http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/content/transport-guide-1)

[OGTR DNIR application form](http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/contained-1)

[OGTR Operational Policies - Scope of variation of GMO licenses](http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/3156F3E571D6155BCA257DF9000D28E4/$File/Policy%20on%20scope%20for%20variation%20of%20GMO%20licences.pdf)

[OGTR Guidance for making Records of Assessment of NLRDs](http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/nrld-record-guide-htm)

**Biosafety and Radiation Safety guidance documents available from REDI**

* GMO Dealings
* GMO Project Amendment Procedure
* GMO Project Approval Procedure
* Techniques and Organisms that are Not Gene Technology

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**Guidance on Data Storage and Retention Questions in the NEAF**