

## **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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### Record of Amendments to Version 2

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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/>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Official New Zealand Pest Register. The header includes 'Biosecurity New Zealand' and 'Takitanga Pūtaiao Aotearoa'. The main heading is 'Official New Zealand Pest Register'. Below this, there are two search options: 'Search the Pest Register - imports to NZ' and 'Search the Pest Register - exports from NZ'. The page also features a breadcrumb trail, social media sharing icons, and a database search results date.

Database search results for: 4 December 2020

### 3.2. Click to the Search the Pest Register-import to NZ (this online tools replace the Unwanted Organisms Register)



#### 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.

Database search results for: 4 December 2020

### 3.3. Check for your organism

OFFICIAL NEW ZEALAND PEST REGISTER

#### Pest Register for Importing Commodities to New Zealand

This online tool replaces BORIC (Biosecurity Organisms Register for Imported Commodities), the UOR (Unwanted Organisms Register) and Country Freedom Status lists. [About the Pest Register](#)

**Search for pest information** Close

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

<b>Pest scientific name</b> <input type="text" value="- Select one -"/>	<b>Organism type</b> <input type="text" value="- Select one -"/>	<b>Search</b> <input type="text" value="Rhodotorula rubra"/> <small>Search for anything, including common names</small>
<b>Regulatory status</b> <span style="font-size: small;">?</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Regulated <input type="checkbox"/> Non-regulated <input type="checkbox"/> Not assessed	<b>Unwanted</b> <span style="font-size: small;">?</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Notifiable</b> <span style="font-size: small;">?</span> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Please note that you should search on all synonyms, anamorphic and teleomorphic binomial, as the Unwanted Organisms Register does not necessarily cross reference synonyms.

### 3.4. Find the information for your organism

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Modify search

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

Pest name	Scientific name(s)	Common name(s)	Organism type	Regulatory status	Unwanted	Notifiable
<a href="#">Rhodotorula rubra</a>	Rhodotorula rubra		Fungus	Under assessment	Yes	No

Database search results for: 4 December 2020

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## 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.