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## Biological Risk Management and Containment

# IMPORT DECISION REFERENCE GUIDE

# INTRODUCTION

This quick reference guide is designed to assist users select the correct import permit.

The mentioned import permits are owned by School of Biological Science (Faculty of Science) and Faculty of Medical and Health Science only. **If the importer is not in these areas they will only be able to import unrestricted items**, i.e. items that in this guide would fall under a general permit.

**There are three warnings in the guide which you should heed:**

- Plasmids are sometimes shipped in transformed *E.coli*. Be sure that the plasmid is shipped as pure DNA to qualify under the general permit.
- Check with suppliers (or consult manufacturers specifications) as to whether ELISA kits contain BSA, if they do, the total volume of the kit becomes an important consideration.
- Some human cell lines have been immortalised using SV40 or hTERT and therefore qualify as genetically modified. Check with supplier of cell lines (ATCC website is a good source of information) as to whether it has been transduced or it has been derived from a tumour or neoplasm.

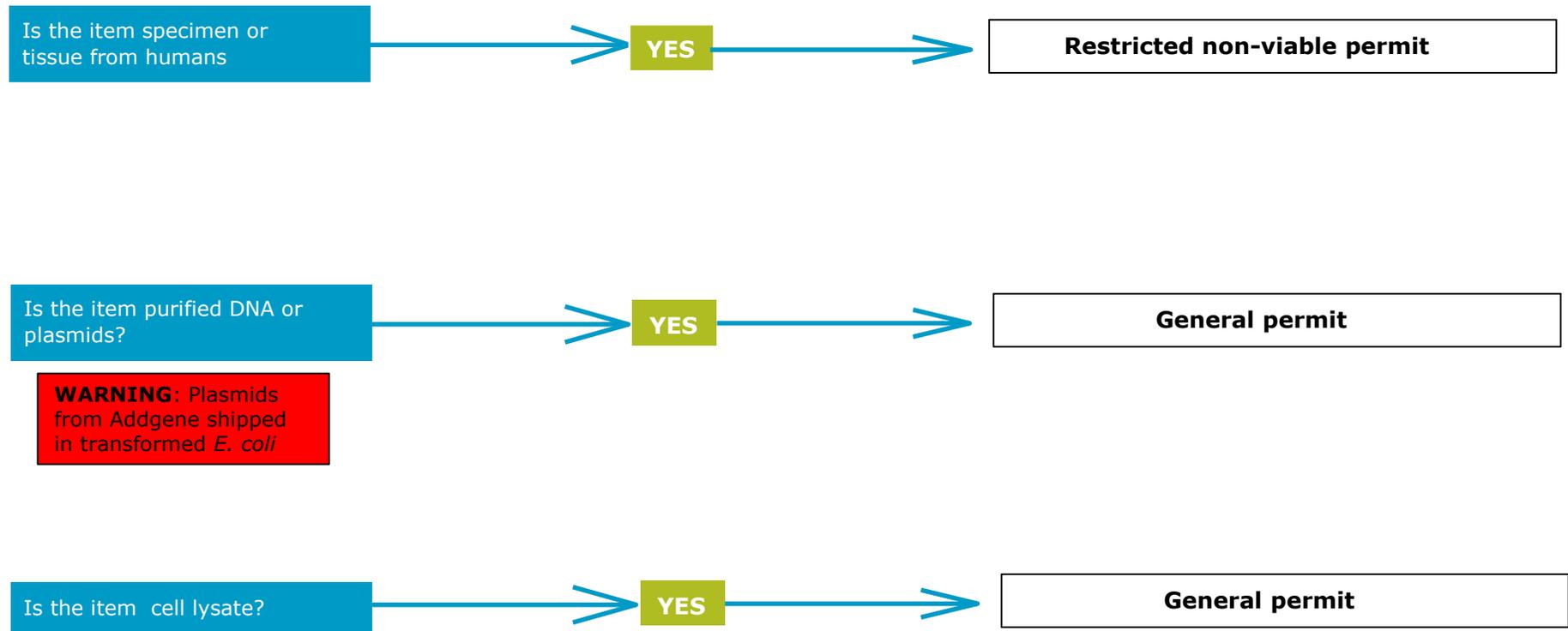
Please note: This is a guidance only, exceptions may apply as not all the eventualities can be covered. If the item you want to import does not fit into one of the categories mentioned in the guide or you are unsure about which permit to use, please see your DLP (designated laboratory person).

Importation of biologicals can be complex and under the Biosecurity Act can invoke strict liability offenses. Please seek assistance if you are unsure. More detailed guidelines and training aids are available from the Hazard and Containment team at: [hsw@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:hsw@auckland.ac.nz)

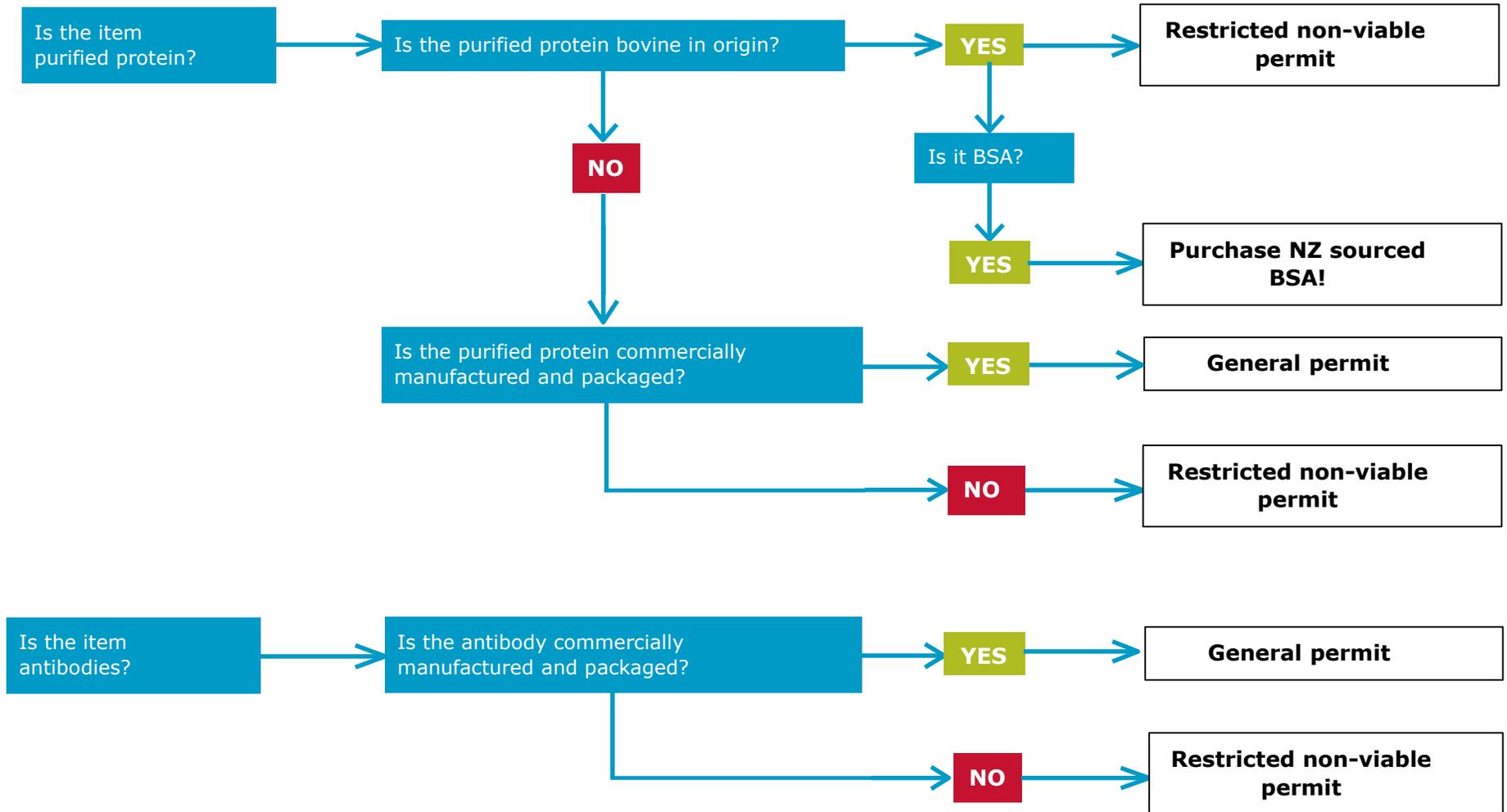
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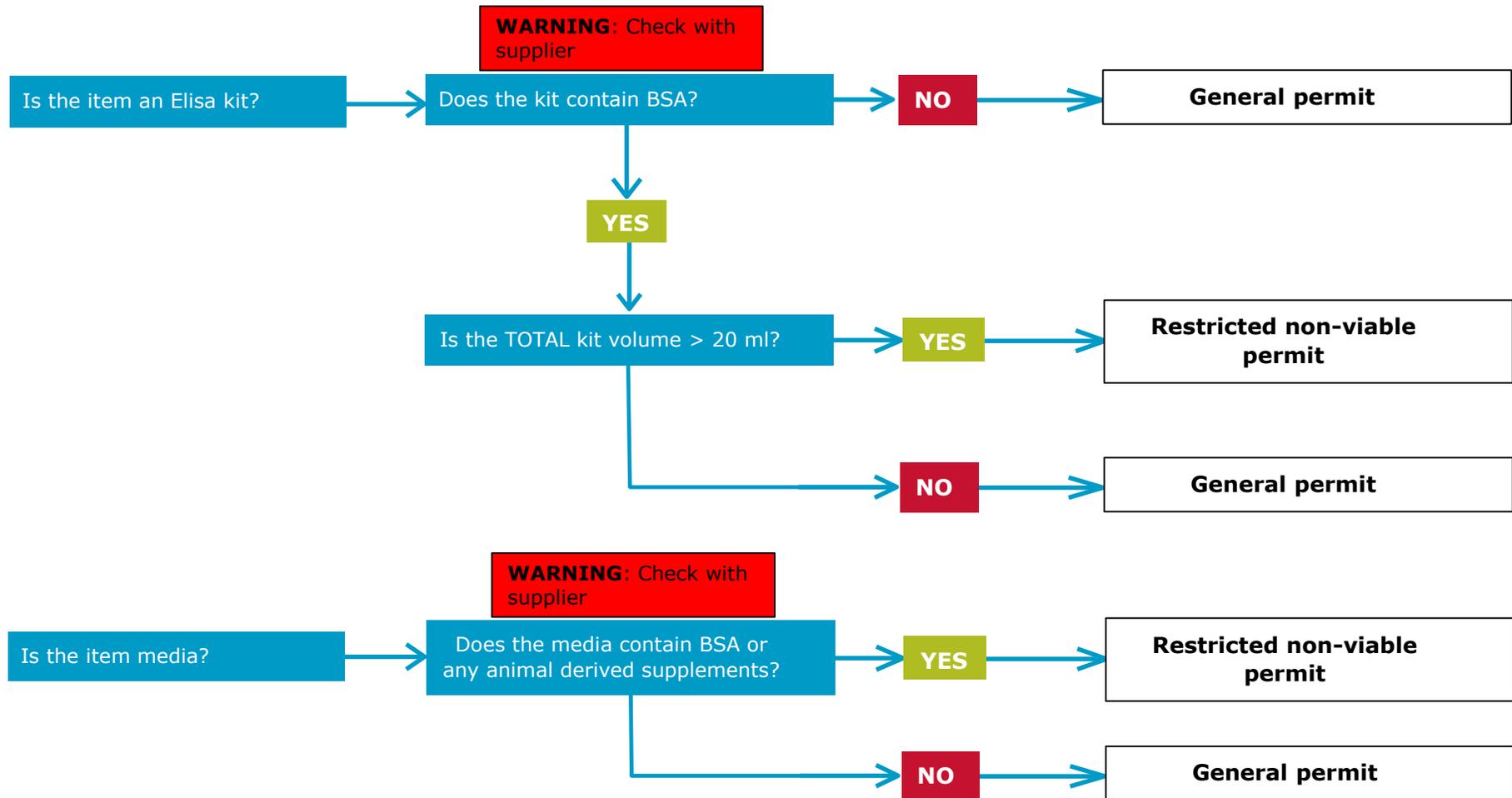
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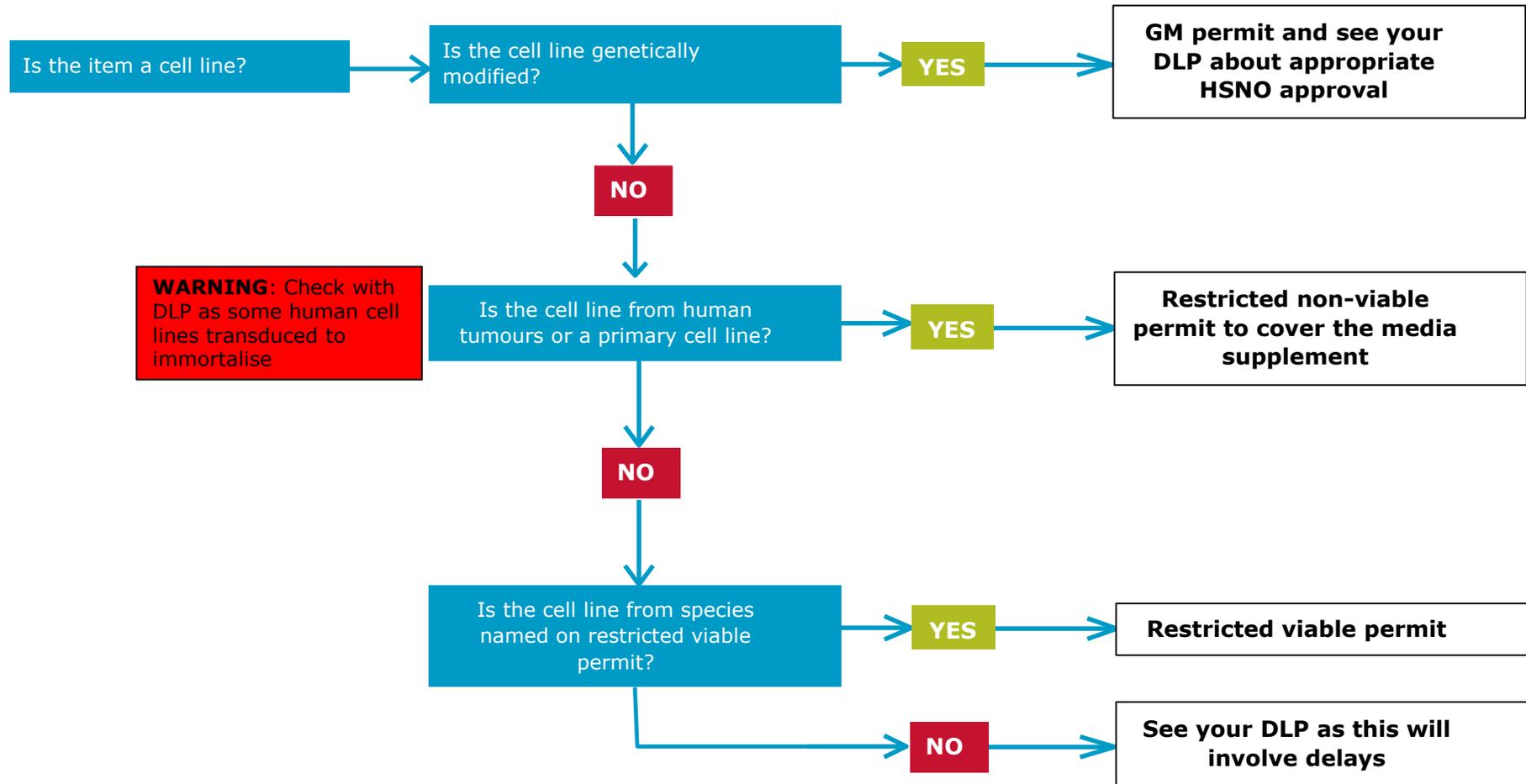
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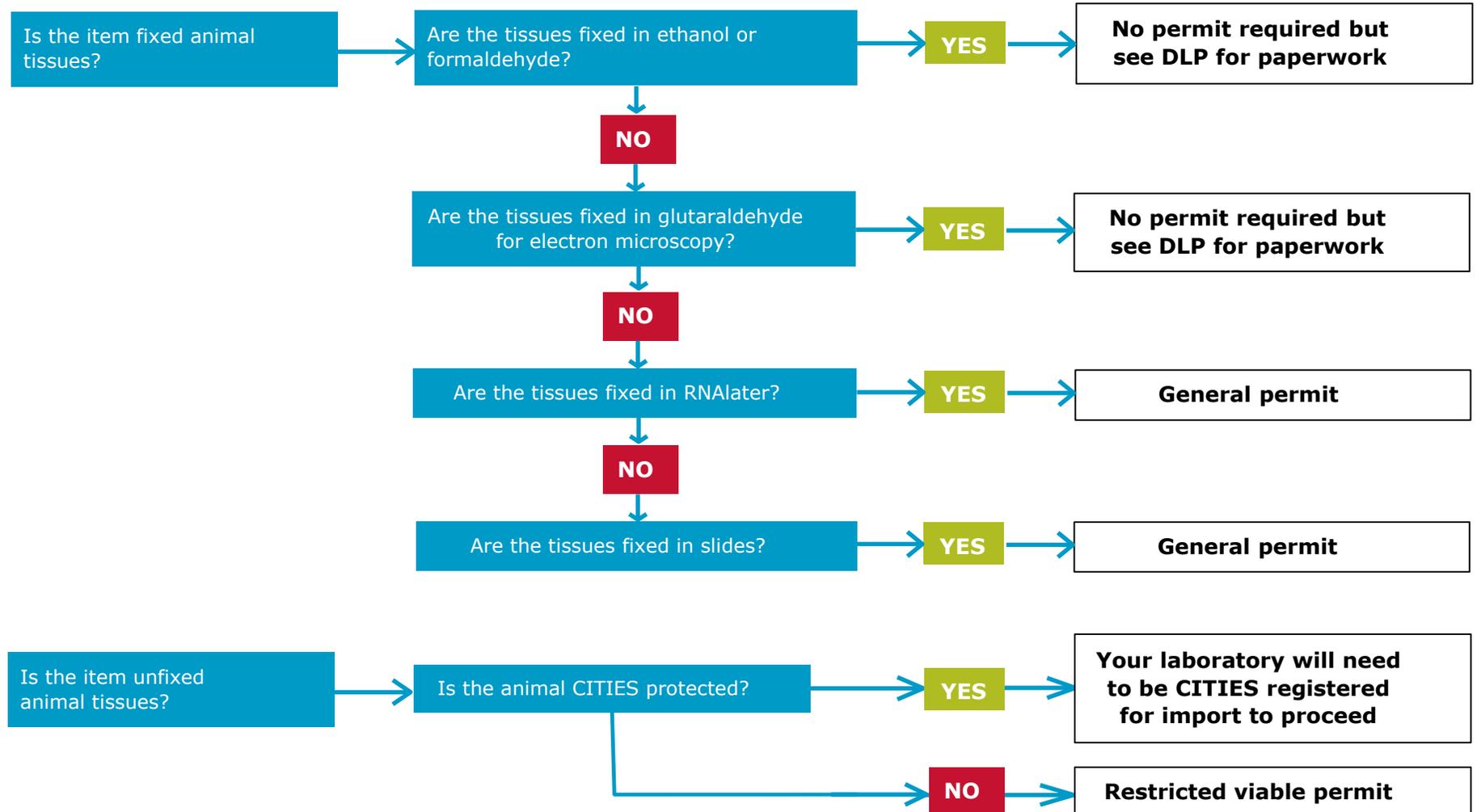
## Elisa kits and media



# Cell lines



## Animal (Non human) tissues





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