

**FORM OF NOTIFICATION FOR FIRST TIME USE OF A GROUP 2/3 OR 4 BIOLOGICAL AGENT\***

*As required under Regulation 5(e) of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Biological Agents) Regulations, 1994 (S.I. No. 146 of 1994) (as amended)*

***For Office Use Only***

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| *Employer Place of Work No. (EPOW)* | *Employer No.* | *Correspondence No.* | *Date Received* |
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| *Comments:* | | | |

***For Notifier to complete***

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| 1. *Name of Company/Establishment* | |  |
| 1. *Company Registration Number (CRO No) (if applicable)* | |  |
| 1. *Address & Telephone Number of*   *Company/Establishment* | |  |
| 1. *Address of premises where the*   *biological agent will be stored or used*  *(if different to 3 above)* | |  |
| 1. *Date of Notification* | | Click here to enter a date. |
| 1. *Type of Notification (first time / re – notification* | | Choose an item. |
| (if re-notification state reasons why) |
| 1. *Type of Biological Agent being notified* | | Choose an item. |
| (If other please state) |
| 1. *Species of biological agent* | |  |
| 1. *Biological agent classification group* | | Choose an item. |
| 1. *Name(s), qualifications and relevant experience of people responsible for safety and health at work* | | |
| 1. *Results of risk assessment (as required under Regulation 4 of the above Regulations)* | | |
| 1. *Protective and preventative measures envisaged* | | |
| *Name of Notifier:* |  | |
| *Position in Company / Establishment:* |  | |
| *Contact Telephone Number:* |  | |
| *Contact Email Address:* |  | |

***This form must be submitted to the Health and Safety Authority 30 days prior to the commencement of work*** *involving the use for the first time of a group 2 or 3 or 4 biological agent or for the first time of each subsequent group 4 biological agent and any subsequent new group 3 biological agent, where the employer himself classifies that biological agent*. Forms should be sent to:

1. [**bioagents\_notif@hsa.ie**](mailto:bioagents_notif@hsa.ie) **or**
2. **Health & Safety Authority, Occupational Hygiene Unit, 3rd Floor, Hebron House, Hebron Rd, Kilkenny**

**\* Classification of Biological Agents – Groups 2, 3 & 4**

***Group 2 biological agent:***can cause human disease and might be a hazard to employees, although it is unlikely to spread to the community and in respect of which there is usually effective prophylaxis or treatment available;

***Group 3 biological agent:***can cause severe human disease and presents a serious hazard to employees and which may present a risk of spreading to the community, though there is usually effective prophylaxis or treatment available;

***Group 4 biological agent:***causes severe human disease and is a serious hazard to employees and which may present a high risk of spreading to the community and in respect of which there is usually no effective prophylaxis or treatment available.

**Refer to the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Biological Agents) (Amendment) Regulations, 1998** (**S.I. No .248/1998), for current classification of biological agents.**