

Application to

# Release a new organism without controls

That is not a genetically modified organism

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## Please note

This application form covers the import for release, or release from containment any new organism that is **not a genetically modified organism** under s34 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act. This form may be used to seek approvals for more than one organism where the organisms are of a similar nature with similar risk profiles.

**Do not use this form for genetically modified organisms.** If you want to release a genetically modified organism please use the form entitled *Application to release a genetically modified organism without controls*.

This is the approved form for the purposes of the HSNO Act and replaces all other previous versions.

Any extra material that does not fit in the application form must be clearly labelled, cross-referenced and included as appendices to the application form.

Confidential information must be collated in a separate appendix. You must justify why you consider the material confidential and make sure it is clearly labelled as such.

If technical terms are used in the application form, explain these terms in plain language in the Glossary (Section 6 of this application form).

You must sign the application form and enclose the application fee (including GST). ERMA New Zealand will not process applications that are not accompanied by the correct application fee. For more information regarding fees refer to our Fees and Charges Schedule on our website at [www.ermanz.govt.nz](http://www.ermanz.govt.nz).

Unless otherwise indicated, all sections of this form must be completed to the best of your ability for the application to be processed.

Please provide an electronic version of the completed application form, as well as a signed hard copy.

All applications to release new organisms are publicly notified. A hearing may also be required.

If you need additional guidance in completing this form please contact a New Organism Advisor at ERMA New Zealand or email [noinfo@ermanz.govt.nz](mailto:noinfo@ermanz.govt.nz).

*This form was approved on 6 May 2010 by the Chief Executive of ERMA New Zealand acting under delegation from the Authority.*

## Section 1: Application details

a) Application title

b) Organisation name

c) Postal address

**Section 2: Provide a plain language summary of the purpose (including the proposed use) of introducing the organism into New Zealand and the associated benefits and risks**

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**Section 3: Identification of the proposed organism(s) to be released**

<b>Family:</b>	
<b>Genus:</b>	
<b>Species:</b>	
<b>Common name(s):</b>	
<b>Brief description (morphological and biological):</b>	

#### Section 4: Identification of positive and adverse effects

a) Identify any possible positive/beneficial effects of the organism(s) that you are aware of (including those that were identified during consultation):

i. On the environment:

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ii. On human health and safety:

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iii. On the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with the environment :

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iv. On society and communities:

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v. On the market economy:

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b) Identify any possible adverse effects/risks of the organism(s) that you are aware of (including those that were identified during consultation):

i. On the environment and New Zealand's inherent genetic diversity including any displacement of native species and deterioration of natural habitats:

ii. On human health and safety:

iii. On the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with the environment:

iv. On society and communities:

v. On the market economy:

c) Please answer “yes” or “no” to the following:

	Yes	No
Can the organism cause disease, be parasitic, or become a vector for human, animal, or plant disease, (unless this is the purpose of the application)?		
Does the organism have any inseparable organisms that cannot be managed by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand?		
Does the organism have any affinities with other organisms in New Zealand that could cause an adverse effect to either organism that you have not identified elsewhere?		
Can the population be recovered or eradicated if it forms an <b>undesirable</b> self-sustaining population?		

i. Briefly summarise the reason for each of your answers above:

**Section 5: Is there any other relevant information that has not been mentioned earlier?**

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**Section 6: List of appendices and referenced material (if applicable)**

a) List of appendices attached

Appendix Number	Title

b) List of references used – hard copies must be attached to the application form.

Author	Title and Journal

## Section 7: Declaration and signing the application form

In preparing this application I have:

- taken into account the ethical principles and standards described in the ERMA New Zealand Ethics Framework Protocol (<http://www.ermanz.govt.nz/resources/publications/pdfs/ER-PR-05-1.pdf>);
- identified any ethical considerations relevant to this application that I am aware of;
- ensured that my answers contain an appropriate level of information about any ethical considerations identified, and provided information about how these have been anticipated or might be mitigated; and
- contacted ERMA New Zealand staff for advice if in doubt about any ethical considerations.

I have completed this application to the best of my ability and, as far as I am aware, the information I have provided in this application form is correct.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of applicant or person authorised to sign on behalf of applicant*

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Before submitting your application you must ensure that:**

- all sections are completed;
- appendices (if any) are attached;
- copies of references (if any) are attached;
- any confidential information identified and enclosed separately;
- the application is signed and dated;
- your application fee has been paid or is enclosed; and
- an electronic copy of the final application is e-mailed to ERMA New Zealand.