

Application to

# Release a new organism by rapid assessment

That is not a genetically modified organism

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ENVIRONMENTAL RISK MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



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## Please note

This application form covers the release of a new organism by rapid assessment that is **not a genetically modified organism** under s35 of the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act.

This is the approved form for the purposes of s34 of the HSNO Act and replaces all previous versions.

Any extra material that does not fit in the application form must be clearly labeled, 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 labeled as such.

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 and a signed hard copy of the completed application form.

All applications to release new organisms by rapid assessment are **not** publicly notified.

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 proposed use) and potential risks of introducing the organism into New Zealand.**

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**Section 3: Identification of the proposed organism 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 risks of releasing the organism**

a) Describe why the organism, after release:

i. Could not form a self-sustaining population (taking into account the ease of eradication):

ii. Could not displace or reduce a valued species:

iii. Could not cause deterioration of natural habitats.

iv. Will not cause disease, be parasitic, or be a vector for disease.

v. Will not have any adverse effects on human health and safety, or the environment.

vi. Will not have any adverse effect on the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with the environment :

b) Does the organism proposed for release have any:

i. Inseparable organisms that cannot be managed by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand?

ii. Affinities with other organisms in New Zealand that could cause an adverse effect to either organism that you have not identified elsewhere?

**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

<b>Appendix Number</b>	<b>Title</b>

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

<b>Author</b>	<b>Title and Journal</b>

## 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** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

### **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.