

L.N. 4 of 2022**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY AUTHORITY ACT
(CAP. 424)****Protection of Workers from risks related to Exposure to Biological Agents at Work (Amendment) Regulations, 2022**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 12 of the Occupational Health and Safety Authority Act, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Health, after consultation with the Occupational Health and Safety Authority, has made the following regulations:-

Citation. **1.** The title of these regulations is the Protection of Workers from risks related to Exposure to Biological Agents at Work (Amendment) Regulations, 2022, and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Protection of Workers from risks related to Exposure to Biological Agents at Work Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

S.L.424.25.

Amends regulation 1 of the principal regulations. **2.** Sub-regulation (2) of regulation 1 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following:

"(2) The scope of these regulations is to:

(a) protect workers against risks to their health and safety, including the prevention of such risks, arising or likely to arise from exposure to biological agents at work;

(b) transpose Commission Directive (EU) 2020/739 of 3 June 2020 amending Annex III to Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the inclusion of SARS-CoV-2 in the list of biological agents known to infect humans and amending Commission Directive (EU) 2019/1833;

(c) transpose Commission Directive (EU) 2019/1833 of 24 October 2019 amending Annexes I, III, V and VI to Directive 2000/54/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards purely technical adjustments."

Substitutes Schedule I, III, V and VI of the principal regulations. **3.** Schedule I, III, V and VI of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following:

**"SCHEDULE I
INDICATIVE LIST OF ACTIVITIES
(Regulation 4(2))**

Preliminary note

Where the result of the risk assessment carried out in accordance with Regulation 3 and Regulation 4(2) of these Regulations, shows an unintentional exposure to biological agents, there may be other work activities, not included in this Schedule, which should be considered.

1. Work in food production plants.
2. Work in agriculture.
3. Work activities where there is contact with animals and/or products of animal origin.
4. Work in healthcare, including isolation and post-mortem units.
5. Work in clinical, veterinary and diagnostic laboratories, excluding diagnostic microbiological laboratories.
6. Work in refuse disposal plants.
7. Work in sewage purification installations.

**SCHEDULE III
COMMUNITY CLASSIFICATION
Regulation 2 (definition of biological agents) and Regulation 18**

INTRODUCTORY NOTES

1. In line with the scope of these Regulations, only agents which are known to infect humans are to be included in the classified list.

Where appropriate, indicators are given of the toxic and allergic potential of these agents.

Animal and plant pathogens which are known not to affect man are excluded.

In drawing up this list of classified biological agents consideration has not been given to genetically modified micro-organisms.

2. The list of classified agents is based on the effect of those agents on healthy workers.

No specific account is taken of particular effects on those whose susceptibility may be affected for one or other reason such as pre-existing disease, medication, compromised immunity, pregnancy or breast feeding.

Additional risk to such workers should be considered as part of the risk assessment required by these Regulations.

In certain industrial processes, certain laboratory work or certain work with animals involving actual or potential exposure to biological agents of groups

3 or 4, any technical precautions taken must comply with regulation 16.

3. Biological agents which have not been classified for inclusion in groups 2 to 4 of the list are not implicitly classified in group 1.

For genera where more than one species is known to be pathogenic to man, the list will include those species which are known to be the most frequently responsible for diseases, together with a more general reference to the fact that other species of the same genus may affect health.

When a whole genus is mentioned in the classified list of biological agents, it is implicit that the species and strains known to be non-pathogenic are excluded.

4. Where a strain is attenuated or has lost known virulence genes, then the containment required by the classification of its parent strain need not necessarily apply, subject to assessment appropriate for risk in the workplace.

This is the case, for example, when such a strain is to be used as a product or part of a product for prophylactic or therapeutic purposes.

5. The nomenclature of classified agents used to establish this list reflects and is in conformity with the latest international agreements of the taxonomy and nomenclature of agents at the time the list was prepared.

6. The list of classified biological agents reflects the state of knowledge at the time that it was devised.

It will be updated as soon as it no longer reflects the latest state of knowledge.

7. All viruses which have already been isolated in humans and which have not been assessed and allocated in this Schedule are classified in group 2 as a minimum, except in those cases where there is sufficient proof that they are unlikely to cause disease in humans.

8. Certain biological agents classified in group 3 which are indicated in the appended list by two asterisks (**), may present a limited risk of infection for workers because they are not normally infectious by the airborne route.

The Authority shall assess the containment measures to be applied to such agents, taking account of the nature of specific activities in question and of the quantity of the agent involved, with a view to determining whether, in particular circumstances, some of these measures may be dispensed with.

9. The requirements as to containment consequent on the classification of parasites apply only to stages in the life cycle of the parasite in which it is liable to be infectious to humans at the workplace.

10. This list also gives a separate indication in cases where the biological agents are likely to cause allergic or toxic reactions, where an effective vaccine is available, or where it is advisable to keep a list of exposed workers for more than ten years.

These indications are shown by the following letters:

- A: Possible allergic effects
- D: List of workers exposed to this biological agent to be kept for more than years after the end of last known exposure
- T: Toxin production
- V: Effective vaccine available and registered within the EU

The application of preventive vaccination should take account of the code of practice given in Schedule VII.

BACTERIA and similar organisms

NB: For biological agents appearing on this list, the entry of the whole genus with the addition of 'spp.' refers to other species belonging to this genus that have not specifically been included in the list, but which are known pathogens in humans. See introductory note 3 for further details.

Biological Agent	Classification	Notes
<i>Actinomadura madurae</i>	2	
<i>Actinomadura pelletieri</i>	2	
<i>Actinomyces gerencseriae</i>	2	
<i>Actinomyces israelii</i>	2	
<i>Actinomyces</i> spp.	2	
<i>Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans</i> (<i>Actinobacillus actinomycetemcomitans</i>)	2	
<i>Anaplasma</i> spp.	2	
<i>Arcanobacterium haemolyticum</i> (<i>Corynebacterium haemolyticum</i>)	2	
<i>Arcobacter butzleri</i>	2	
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i>	3	T
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	2	
<i>Bacteroides</i> spp.	2	
<i>Bartonella bacilliformis</i>	2	
<i>Bartonella quintana</i> (<i>Rochalimaea quintana</i>)	2	
<i>Bartonella</i> (<i>Rochalimea</i>) spp.	2	
<i>Bordetella bronchiseptica</i>	2	
<i>Bordetella parapertussis</i>	2	
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	2	T, V
<i>Bordetella</i> spp.	2	
<i>Borrelia burgdorferi</i>	2	
<i>Borrelia duttonii</i>	2	
<i>Borrelia recurrentis</i>	2	
<i>Borrelia</i> spp.	2	
<i>Brachyspira</i> spp.	2	
<i>Brucella abortus</i>	3	
<i>Brucella canis</i>	3	

Brucella inopinata	3	
Brucella melitensis	3	
Brucella suis	3	
Burkholderia cepacia	2	
Burkholderia mallei (Pseudomonas mallei)	3	
Burkholderia pseudomallei (Pseudomonas pseudomallei)	3	D
Campylobacter fetus subsp. fetus	2	
Campylobacter fetus subsp. venerealis	2	
Campylobacter jejuni subsp. doylei	2	
Campylobacter jejuni subsp. jejuni	2	
Campylobacter spp.	2	
Cardiobacterium hominis	2	
Cardiobacterium valvarum	2	
Chlamydia abortus (Chlamydophila abortus)	2	
Chlamydia caviae (Chlamydophila caviae)	2	
Chlamydia felis (Chlamydophila felis)	2	
Chlamydia pneumoniae (Chlamydophila pneumoniae)	2	
Chlamydia psittaci (Chlamydophila psittaci) (avian strains)	3	
Chlamydia psittaci (Chlamydophila psittaci) (other strains)	2	
Chlamydia trachomatis (Chlamydophila trachomatis)	2	
Clostridium botulinum	2	T
Clostridium difficile	2	T
Clostridium perfringens	2	T
Clostridium tetani	2	T, V
Clostridium spp.	2	
Corynebacterium diphtheriae	2	T, V
Corynebacterium minutissimum	2	
Corynebacterium pseudotuberculosis	2	T
Corynebacterium ulcerans	2	T
Corynebacterium spp.	2	
Coxiella burnetii	3	
Edwardsiella tarda	2	
Ehrlichia spp.	2	
Eikenella corrodens	2	
Elizabethkingia meningoseptica (Flavobacterium meningosepticum)	2	
Enterobacter aerogenes (Klebsiella mobilis)	2	
Enterobacter cloacae subsp. cloacae (Enterobacter cloacae)	2	
Enterobacter spp.	2	

Enterococcus spp.	2	
Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae	2	
Escherichia coli (with the exception of non-pathogenic strains)	2	
Escherichia coli, verocytotoxigenic strains (e.g. O157:H7 or O103)	3 (*)	T
Fluoribacter bozemaniae (Legionella)	2	
Francisella hispaniensis	2	
Francisella tularensis subsp. holarctica	2	
Francisella tularensis subsp. mediasiatica	2	
Francisella tularensis subsp. novicida	2	
Francisella tularensis subsp. tularensis	3	
Fusobacterium necrophorum subsp. funduliforme	2	
Fusobacterium necrophorum subsp. necrophorum	2	
Gardnerella vaginalis	2	
Haemophilus ducreyi	2	
Haemophilus influenzae	2	V
Haemophilus spp.	2	
Helicobacter pylori	2	
Helicobacter spp.	2	
Klebsiella oxytoca	2	
Klebsiella pneumoniae subsp. ozaenae	2	
Klebsiella pneumoniae subsp. pneumoniae	2	
Klebsiella pneumoniae subsp. rhinoscleromatis	2	
Klebsiella spp.	2	
Legionella pneumophila subsp. fraseri	2	
Legionella pneumophila subsp. pascullei	2	
Legionella pneumophila subsp. pneumophila	2	
Legionella spp.	2	
Leptospira interrogans (all serovars)	2	
Leptospira interrogans spp.	2	
Listeria monocytogenes	2	
Listeria ivanovii subsp. ivanovii	2	
Listeria ivanovii subsp. londoniensis	2	
Morganella morganii subsp. morganii (Proteus morganii)	2	
Morganella morganii subsp. sibonii	2	
Mycobacterium abscessus subsp. abscessus	2	
Mycobacterium africanum	3	V
Mycobacterium avium subsp. avium (Mycobacterium avium)	2	
Mycobacterium avium subsp. paratuberculosis (Mycobacterium paratuberculosis)	2	
Mycobacterium avium subsp. silvaticum	2	

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<i>Mycobacterium bovis</i>	3	V
<i>Mycobacterium caprae</i> (<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> subsp. <i>caprae</i>)	3	
<i>Mycobacterium chelonae</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium chimaera</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium fortuitum</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium intracellulare</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium kansasii</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium leprae</i>	3	
<i>Mycobacterium malmoense</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium marinum</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium microti</i>	3 (*)	
<i>Mycobacterium pinnipedii</i>	3	
<i>Mycobacterium scrofulaceum</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium simiae</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium szulgai</i>	2	
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i>	3	V
<i>Mycobacterium ulcerans</i>	3 (*)	
<i>Mycobacterium xenopi</i>	2	
<i>Mycoplasma hominis</i>	2	
<i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i>	2	
<i>Mycoplasma</i> spp.	2	
<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>	2	
<i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	2	V
<i>Neorickettsia sennetsu</i> (<i>Rickettsia sennetsu</i> , Ehrlichia <i>sennetsu</i>)	2	
<i>Nocardia asteroides</i>	2	
<i>Nocardia brasiliensis</i>	2	
<i>Nocardia farcinica</i>	2	
<i>Nocardia nova</i>	2	
<i>Nocardia otitidiscaviarum</i>	2	
<i>Nocardia</i> spp.	2	
<i>Orientia tsutsugamushi</i> (<i>Rickettsia tsutsugamushi</i>)	3	
<i>Pasteurella multocida</i> subsp. <i>gallicida</i> (<i>Pasteurella gallicida</i>)	2	
<i>Pasteurella multocida</i> subsp. <i>multocida</i>	2	
<i>Pasteurella multocida</i> subsp. <i>septica</i>	2	
<i>Pasteurella</i> spp.	2	
<i>Peptostreptococcus anaerobius</i>	2	
<i>Plesiomonas shigelloides</i>	2	
<i>Porphyromonas</i> spp.	2	
<i>Prevotella</i> spp.	2	
<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	2	

Proteus penneri	2	
Proteus vulgaris	2	
Providencia alcalifaciens (Proteus inconstans)	2	
Providencia rettgeri (Proteus rettgeri)	2	
Providencia spp.	2	
Pseudomonas aeruginosa	2	T
Rhodococcus hoagii (Corynebacterium equii)	2	
Rickettsia africae	3	
Rickettsia akari	3 (*)	
Rickettsia australis	3	
Rickettsia canadensis	2	
Rickettsia conorii	3	
Rickettsia heilongjiangensis	3(*)	
Rickettsia japonica	3	
Rickettsia montanensis	2	
Rickettsia typhi	3	
Rickettsia prowazekii	3	
Rickettsia rickettsii	3	
Rickettsia sibirica	3	
Rickettsia spp.	2	
Salmonella enterica (choleraesuis) subsp. arizonae	2	
Salmonella Enderitidis	2	
Salmonella Paratyphi A, B, C	2	V
Salmonella Typhi	3 (*)	V
Salmonella Typhimurium	2	
Salmonella (serotipi oħrajn)	2	
Shigella boydii	2	
Shigella dysenteriae (tat-Tip 1)	3 (*)	T
Shigella dysenteriae, ġħajr tat-Tip 1	2	
Shigella flexneri	2	
Shigella sonnei	2	
Staphylococcus aureus	2	T
Streptobacillus moniliformis	2	
Streptococcus agalactiae	2	
Streptococcus dysgalactiae subsp. equisimilis	2	
Streptococcus pneumoniae	2	T, V
Streptococcus pyogenes	2	T
Streptococcus suis	2	
Streptococcus spp.	2	
Treponema carateum	2	
Treponema pallidum	2	
Treponema pertenuae	2	
Treponema spp.	2	

<i>Trueperella pyogenes</i>	2	
<i>Ureaplasma parvum</i>	2	
<i>Ureaplasma urealyticum</i>	2	
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> (including E1 Tor)	2	T, V
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (<i>Benecka parahaemolytica</i>)	2	
<i>Vibrio</i> spp.	2	
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> subsp. <i>enterolitica</i>	2	
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i> subsp. <i>palaearctica</i>	2	
<i>Yersinia pestis</i>	3	
<i>Yersinia pseudotuberculosis</i>	2	
<i>Yersinia</i> spp.	2	

(*) See paragraph 8 of the introductory notes.

VIRUSES (*)

NB: Viruses have been listed according to their order (O), family (F) and genus (G).

Biological Agent (virus species or indicated taxonomy order)	Classification	Notes
Bunyavirales (O)		
<i>Hantaviridae</i> (F)		
Orthohantavirus (G)		
Andes orthohantavirus (<i>Hantavirus</i> species causing Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome [HPS])	3	
Bayou orthohantavirus	3	
Black Creek Canal orthohantavirus	3	
Cano Delgadito orthohantavirus	3	
Choclo orthohantavirus	3	
Dobrava-Belgrade orthohantavirus (<i>Hantavirus</i> species causing Haemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome [HFRS])	3	
El Moro Canyon orthohantavirus	3	
Hantaan orthohantavirus (<i>Hantavirus</i> species causing Haemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome [HFRS])	3	
Laguna Negra orthohantavirus	3	
Prospect Hill orthohantavirus	2	
Puumala orthohantavirus (<i>Hantavirus</i> species causing Nephropathia Epidemica [NE])	2	
Seoul orthohantavirus (<i>Hantavirus</i> species causing Haemorrhagic Fever with Renal Syndrome [HFRS])	3	
Sin Nombre orthohantavirus (<i>Hantavirus</i> species causing Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome [HPS])	3	
Other hantaviruses known to be pathogenic	2	

* See paragraph 7 of the introductory notes.

<i>Nairoviridae</i> (F)		
Orthonairovirus (G)		
Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic fever orthonairovirus	4	
Dugbe orthonairovirus	2	
Hazara orthonairovirus	2	
Nairobi sheep disease orthonairovirus	2	
Other nairoviruses known to be pathogenic	2	
<i>Peribunyaviridae</i> (F)		
Orthobunyavirus (G)		
Bunyamwera orthobunyavirus (Germiston virus)	2	
California encephalitis orthobunyavirus	2	
Oropouche orthobunyavirus	3	
Other orthobunyaviruses known to be pathogenic	2	
<i>Phenuiviridae</i> (F)		
Phlebovirus (G)		
Bhanja phlebovirus	2	
Punta Toro phlebovirus	2	
Rift Valley fever phlebovirus	3	
Sandfly fever Naples phlebovirus (Toscana Virus)	2	
SFTS phlebovirus (Severe Fever with Thrombocytopenia Syndrome-Virus)	3	
Other phleboviruses known to be pathogenic	2	
Herpesvirales (O)		
<i>Herpesviridae</i> (F)		
Cytomegalovirus (G)		
Human betaherpesvirus 5 (Cytomegalovirus)	2	
Lymphocryptovirus (G)		
Human gammaherpesvirus 4 (Epstein-Barr virus)	2	
Rhadinovirus (G)		
Human gammaherpesvirus 8	2	D
Roseolovirus (G)		
Human betaherpesvirus 6A (Human B- lymphotropic virus)	2	
Human betaherpesvirus 6B	2	
Human betaherpesvirus 7	2	
Simplexvirus (G)		
Macacine alphaherpesvirus 1 (Herpesvirus simiae, Herpes B virus)	3	
Human alphaherpesvirus 1 (Human herpesvirus 1, Herpes simplex virus type 1)	2	
Human alphaherpesvirus 2 (Human herpesvirus 2, Herpes simplex virus type 2)	2	
Varicellovirus (G)		
Human alphaherpesvirus 3 (Herpesvirus varicella-zoster)	2	V

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Mononegavirales (O)		
<i>Filoviridae</i> (F)		
Ebolavirus (G)	4	
Marburgvirus (G)		
Marburg marburgvirus	4	
<i>Paramyxoviridae</i> (F)		
Avulavirus (G)		
Newcastle disease virus	2	
Henipavirus (G)		
Hendra henipavirus	4	
Nipah henipavirus	4	
Morbillivirus (G)		
Measles morbillivirus	2	V
Respirovirus (G)		
Human respirovirus 1 (Parainfluenza virus 1)	2	
Human respirovirus 3 (Parainfluenza virus 3)	2	
Rubulavirus (G)		
Mumps rubulavirus	2	V
Human rubulavirus 2 (Parainfluenza virus 2)	2	
Human rubulavirus 4 (Parainfluenza virus 4)	2	
<i>Pneumoviridae</i> (F)		
Metapneumovirus (G)		
Orthopneumovirus (G)		
Human orthopneumovirus (Respiratory syncytial virus)	2	
<i>Rhabdoviridae</i> (F)		
Lyssavirus (G)		
Australian bat lyssavirus	3 (**)	V
Duvenhage lyssavirus	3 (**)	V
European bat lyssavirus 1	3 (**)	V
European bat lyssavirus 2	3 (**)	V
Lagos bat lyssavirus	3 (**)	
Mokola lyssavirus	3	
Rabies lyssavirus	3 (**)	V
Vesiculovirus (G)		
Vesicular stomatitis virus, Alagoas vesiculovirus	2	
Vesicular stomatitis virus, Indiana vesiculovirus	2	
Vesicular stomatitis virus, New Jersey vesiculovirus	2	
Piry vesiculovirus (Piry virus)	2	
Nidovirales (O)		
<i>Coronaviridae</i> (F)		
Betacoronavirus (G)		
Severe acute respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus (SARS-virus)	3	

Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (***)	3	
Middle East respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-virus)	3	
Other <i>Coronaviridae</i> known to be pathogenic	2	
Picornavirales (O)		
<i>Picornaviridae</i> (F)		
Cardiovirus (G)		
Saffold virus	2	
Cosavirus (G)		
Cosavirus A	2	
Enterovirus (G)		
Enterovirus (A)	2	
Enterovirus (B)	2	
Enterovirus (C)	2	
Enterovirus (D), Human Enterovirus type 70 (Acute haemorrhagic conjunctivitis virus)	2	
Rhinoviruses	2	
Poliovirus, type 1 and 3	2	V
Poliovirus, type 2 (¹)	3	V
Hepatovirus (G)		
Hepatovirus A (Hepatitis A virus, Human Enterovirus type 72)	2	V
Kobuvirus (G)		
Aichivirus A (Aichi virus 1)	2	
Parechovirus (G)		
Parechoviruses A	2	
Parechoviruses B (Ljungan virus)	2	
Other <i>Picornaviridae</i> known to be pathogenic	2	
Unassigned (O)		
<i>Adenoviridae</i> (F)	2	
<i>Astroviridae</i> (F)	2	
<i>Arenaviridae</i> (F)		
Mammarenavirus (G)		
Brazilian mammarenavirus	4	
Chapare mammarenavirus	4	
Flexal mammarenavirus	3	
Guanarito mammarenavirus	4	
Junín mammarenavirus	4	
Lassa mammarenavirus	4	
Lujo mammarenavirus	4	
Lymphocytic choriomeningitis mammarenavirus, neurotropic strains	2	

Lymphocytic choriomeningitis mammarenavirus (other strains)	2	
Machupo mammarenavirus	4	
Mobala mammarenavirus	2	
Mopeia mammarenavirus	2	
Tacaribe mammarenavirus	2	
Whitewater Arroyo mammarenavirus	3	
<i>Caliciviridae</i> (F)		
Norovirus (G)		
Norovirus (Norwalk virus)	2	
Other <i>Caliciviridae</i> known to be pathogenic	2	
<i>Hepadnaviridae</i> (F)		
Orthohepadnavirus (G)		
Hepatitis B virus	3 (**)	V, D
<i>Hepeviridae</i> (F)		
Orthohepevirus (G)		
Orthohepevirus A (Hepatitis E virus)	2	
<i>Flaviviridae</i> (F)		
Flavivirus (G)		
Dengue virus	3	
Japanese encephalitis virus	3	V
Kyasanur Forest disease virus	3	V
Louping ill virus	3 (**)	
Murray Valley encephalitis virus (Australia encephalitis virus)	3	
Omsk haemorrhagic fever virus	3	
Powassan virus	3	
Rocio virus	3	
St. Louis encephalitis virus	3	
Tick-borne encephalitis virus		
Absettarov virus	3	
Hanzalova virus	3	
Hypr virus	3	
Kumlinge virus	3	
Negishi virus	3	
Russian spring-summer encephalitis ^(a)	3	V
Tick-borne encephalitis virus Central European subtype	3 (**)	V
Tick-borne encephalitis virus Far Eastern subtype	3	
Tick-borne encephalitis virus Siberian subtype	3	V
Wesselsbron virus	3 (**)	
West Nile fever virus	3	
Yellow fever virus	3	V
Zika virus	2	

Other flaviviruses known to be pathogenic	2	
Hepacivirus (G)		
Hepacivirus C (Hepatitis C virus)	3 (**)	D
<i>Orthomyxoviridae</i> (F)		
Gammmainfluenzavirus (G)		
Influenza C virus	2	V (°)
Influenzavirus A (G)		
Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Viruses HPAIV (H5), e.g. H5N1	3	
Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Viruses HPAIV (H7), e.g. H7N7, H7N9	3	
Influenza A virus	2	V (°)
Influenza A virus A/New York/1/18 (H1N1) (Spanish flu 1918)	3	
Influenza A virus A/Singapore/1/57 (H2N2)	3	
Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza Virus (LPAI) H7N9	3	
Influenzavirus B (G)		
Influenza B virus	2	V (°)
Thogoto virus (G)		
Dhori virus (Tick-borne orthomyxoviridae: Dhori)	2	
Thogoto virus (Tick-borne orthomyxoviridae: Thogoto)	2	
<i>Papillomaviridae</i> (F)	2	D (d)
<i>Parvoviridae</i> (F)		
Erythroparvovirus (G)		
Primate erythroparvovirus 1 (Human parvovirus, B 19 virus)	2	
<i>Polyomaviridae</i> (F)		
Betapolyomavirus (G)		
Human polyomavirus 1 (BK virus)	2	D (d)
Human polyomavirus 2 (JC virus)	2	D (d)
<i>Poxviridae</i> (F)		
Molluscipoxvirus (G)		
Molluscum contagiosum virus	2	
Orthopoxvirus (G)		
Cowpox virus	2	
Monkeypox virus	3	V
Vaccinia virus (incl. Buffalopox virus (°), Elephantpox virus (f), Rabbitpox virus (g))	2	
Variola (major and minor) virus	4	V
Parapoxvirus (G)		
Orf virus	2	
Pseudocowpox virus (Milkers' node virus, parapoxvirus bovis)	2	

Yatapoxvirus (G)		
Tanapox virus	2	
Yaba monkey tumor virus	2	
<i>Reoviridae</i> (F)		
Seadornavirus (G)		
Banna virus	2	
Coltivirus (G)	2	
Rotaviruses (G)	2	
Orbivirus (G)	2	
<i>Retroviridae</i> (F)		
Deltaretrovirus (G)		
Primate T-lymphotropic virus 1 (Human T-cell lymphotropic virus, type 1)	3 (**)	D
Primate T-lymphotropic virus 2 (Human T-cell lymphotropic virus, type 2)	3 (**)	D
Lentivirus (G)		
Human immunodeficiency virus 1	3 (**)	D
Human immunodeficiency virus 2	3 (**)	D
Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV) ^(b)	2	
<i>Togaviridae</i> (F)		
Alphavirus (G)		
Cabassouvirus	3	
Eastern equine encephalomyelitis virus	3	V
Bebaru virus	2	
Chikungunya virus	3 (**)	
Everglades virus	3 (**)	
Mayaro virus	3	
Mucambo virus	3 (**)	
Ndumu virus	3 (**)	
O'nyong-nyong virus	2	
Ross River virus	2	
Semliki Forest virus	2	
Sindbis virus	2	
Tonate virus	3 (**)	
Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis virus	3	V
Western equine encephalomyelitis virus	3	V
Other alphaviruses known to be pathogenic	2	
Rubivirus (G)		
Rubella virus	2	V
<i>Unassigned</i> (F)		
Deltavirus (G)		
Hepatitis delta virus ^(b)	2	V, D

(*) See paragraph 7 of the introductory notes.
 (1) Classification according to WHO Global Action Plan to minimize poliovirus facility-associated risk after type-specific eradication of wild polioviruses and sequential cessation of oral polio vaccine use.
 (**) See paragraph 8 of the introductory notes.
 (***) In line with regulation 16(1)(c), non-propagative diagnostic laboratory work involving SARS-CoV-2 should be conducted at a facility using procedures equivalent to at least containment level 2. Propagative work involving SARS-CoV-2 should be conducted at a containment level 3 laboratory with air pressure negative to atmosphere.
 (a) Tick-borne encephalitis
 (b) Hepatitis delta virus is pathogenic in workers only in the presence of simultaneous or secondary infection caused by hepatitis B virus. Vaccination against hepatitis B virus will therefore protect workers who are not affected by hepatitis B virus against hepatitis delta virus.
 (c) Only for types A and B.
 (d) Recommended for work involving direct contact with these agents.
 (e) Two viruses are identified: one a buffalopox type and the other a variant of the Vaccinia virus.
 (f) Variant of cowpox virus.
 (g) Variant of Vaccinia.
 (h) At present there is no evidence of disease in humans caused by the other retroviruses of simian origin. As a precaution containment level 3 is recommended for work with them.

PRION DISEASE AGENTS

Biological Agent	Classification	Notes
Agent of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	3(*)	D (a)
Variant Agent of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	3(*)	D (a)
Agent of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and other related animal TSEs	3(*)	D (a)
Agent of Gerstmann-Sträussler-Scheinker syndrome	3(*)	D (a)
Agent of Kuru	3(*)	D (a)
Agent of Scrapie	2	
(*) See paragraph 8 of the introductory notes. (a) Recommended for work involving direct contact with these agents.		

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NB: For biological agents appearing on this list, the entry of the whole genus with the addition of 'spp.' refers to other species belonging to this genus that have not specifically been included in the list, but which are known pathogens in humans. See introductory note 3 for further details.

Biological Agent	Classification	Notes
Acanthamoeba castellanii	2	
Ancylostoma duodenale	2	
Angiostrongylus cantonensis	2	
Angiostrongylus costaricensis	2	
Anisakis simplex	2	A
Ascaris lumbricoides	2	A

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<i>Ascaris suum</i>	2	A
<i>Babesia divergens</i>	2	
<i>Babesia microti</i>	2	
<i>Balamuthia mandrillaris</i>	3	
<i>Balantidium coli</i>	2	
<i>Brugia malayi</i>	2	
<i>Brugia pahangi</i>	2	
<i>Brugia timori</i>	2	
<i>Capillaria philippinensis</i>	2	
<i>Capillaria</i> spp.	2	
<i>Clonorchis sinensis</i> (<i>Opisthorchis sinensis</i>)	2	
<i>Clonorchis viverrini</i> (<i>Opisthorchis viverrini</i>)	2	
<i>Cryptosporidium hominis</i>	2	
<i>Cryptosporidium parvum</i>	2	
<i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i>	2	
<i>Dicrocoelium dentriticum</i>	2	
<i>Dipetalonema streptocerca</i>	2	
<i>Diphyllobothrium latum</i>	2	
<i>Dracunculus medinensis</i>	2	
<i>Echinococcus granulosus</i>	3 (*)	
<i>Echinococcus multilocularis</i>	3 (*)	
<i>Echinococcus oligarthrus</i>	3 (*)	
<i>Echinococcus vogeli</i>	3 (*)	
<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>	2	
<i>Enterobius vermicularis</i>	2	
<i>Enterocytozoon bieneusi</i>	2	
<i>Fasciola gigantica</i>	2	
<i>Fasciola hepatica</i>	2	
<i>Fasciolopsis buski</i>	2	
<i>Giardia lamblia</i> (<i>Giardia duodenalis</i> , <i>Giardia intestinalis</i>)	2	
<i>Heterophyes</i> spp.	2	
<i>Hymenolepis diminuta</i>	2	
<i>Hymenolepis nana</i>	2	
<i>Leishmania aethiopica</i>	2	
<i>Leishmania braziliensis</i>	3 (*)	
<i>Leishmania donovani</i>	3 (*)	
<i>Leishmania guyanensis</i> (<i>Viannia guyanensis</i>)	3 (*)	
<i>Leishmania infantum</i> (<i>Leishmania chagasi</i>)	3 (*)	
<i>Leishmania major</i>	2	

Leishmania mexicana	2	
Leishmania panamensis (Viannia panamensis)	3 (*)	
Leishmania peruviana	2	
Leishmania tropica	2	
Leishmania spp.	2	
Loa loa	2	
Mansonella ozzardi	2	
Mansonella perstans	2	
Mansonella streptocerca	2	
Metagonimus spp.	2	
Naegleria fowleri	3	
Necator americanus	2	
Onchocerca volvulus	2	
Opisthorchis felineus	2	
Opisthorchis spp.	2	
Paragonimus westermani	2	
Paragonimus spp.	2	
Plasmodium falciparum	3 (*)	
Plasmodium knowlesi	3 (*)	
Plasmodium spp. (human and simian)	2	
Sarcocystis suihominis	2	
Schistosoma haematobium	2	
Schistosoma intercalatum	2	
Schistosoma japonicum	2	
Schistosoma mansoni	2	
Schistosoma mekongi	2	
Strongyloides stercoralis	2	
Strongyloides spp.	2	
Taenia saginata	2	
Taenia solium	3 (*)	
Toxocara canis	2	
Toxocara cati	2	
Toxoplasma gondii	2	
Trichinella nativa	2	
Trichinella nelsoni	2	
Trichinella pseudospiralis	2	
Trichinella spiralis	2	
Trichomonas vaginalis	2	
Trichostrongylus orientalis	2	
Trichostrongylus spp.	2	

Trichuris trichiura	2	
Trypanosoma brucei brucei	2	
Trypanosoma brucei gambiense	2	
Trypanosoma brucei rhodesiense	3 (*)	
Trypanosoma cruzi	3 (*)	
Wuchereria bancrofti	2	
(*) See paragraph 8 of the introductory notes.		

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NB: For biological agents appearing on this list, the entry of the whole genus with the addition of 'spp.' refers to other species belonging to this genus that have not specifically been included in the list, but which are known pathogens in humans. See introductory note 3 for further details.

Biological Agent	Classification	Notes
Aspergillus flavus	2	A
Aspergillus fumigatus	2	A
Aspergillus spp.	2	
Blastomyces dermatitidis (Ajellomyces dermatitidis)	3	
Blastomyces gilchristii	3	
Candida albicans	2	A
Candida dubliniensis	2	
Candida glabrata	2	
Candida parapsilosis	2	
Candida tropicalis	2	
Cladophialophora bantiana (Xylohypha bantiana, Cladosporium bantianum, trichoides)	3	
Cladophialophora modesta	3	
Cladophialophora spp.	2	
Coccidioides immitis	3	A
Coccidioides posadasii	3	A
Cryptococcus gattii (Filobasidiella neoformans var. bacillispora)	2	A
Cryptococcus neoformans (Filobasidiella neoformans var. neoformans)	2	A
Emmonsia parva var. parva	2	
Emmonsia parva var. crescens	2	
Epidermophyton floccosum	2	A
Epidermophyton spp.	2	
Fonsecaea pedrosoi	2	
Histoplasma capsulatum	3	
Histoplasma capsulatum var. farciminosum	3	
Histoplasma duboisii	3	
Madurella grisea	2	

Madurella mycetomatis	2	
Microsporum spp.	2	A
Nannizzia spp.	2	
Neotestudina rosatii	2	
Paracoccidioides brasiliensis	3	A
Paracoccidioides lutzii	3	
Paraphyton spp.	2	
Rhinocladiella mackenziei	3	
Scedosporium apiospermum	2	
Scedosporium prolificans (inflatum)	2	
Sporothrix schenckii	2	
Talaromyces marneffeii (Penicillium marneffeii)	2	A
Trichophyton rubrum	2	A
Trichophyton tonsurans	2	A
Trichophyton spp.	2	

SCHEDULE V
INDICATIONS CONCERNING CONTAINMENT MEASURES AND
CONTAINMENT LEVELS

(Regulations 15(3) and 16(1)(a) and (b))

Preliminary note

The measures contained in this Schedule shall be applied according to the nature of the activities, the assessment of risk to workers, and the nature of the biological agent concerned.

In the table, "Recommended" means that the measures should in principle be applied, unless the results of the assessment referred to in Regulation 3(2) indicate otherwise.

A. Containment measures	B. Containment levels		
	2	3	4
Workplace			
1. The workplace is to be separated from any other activities in the same building	No	Recommended	Yes
2. The workplace is to be sealable to permit fumigation	No	Recommended	Yes
Facilities			
3. Infected material, including any animal, is to be handled in a safety cabinet or isolation or other suitable containment	Where appropriate	Yes, where infection is by airborne route	Yes
Equipment			
4. Input air and extract air to the workplace are to be filtered using (HEPA ⁽¹⁾) or likewise	No	Yes, on extract air	Yes, on input and extract air

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5. The workplace is to be maintained at an air pressure negative to atmosphere	No	Recommended	Yes
6. Surfaces impervious to water and easy to clean	Yes, for bench and floor	Yes, for bench, floor and other surfaces determined by risk assessment	Yes, for bench, walls, floor and ceiling
7. Surfaces resistant to acids, alkalis, solvents, disinfectants	Recommended	Yes	Yes
System of work			
8. Access is to be restricted to nominated workers only	Recommended	Yes	Yes, via airlock ⁽²⁾
9. Efficient vector control, for example rodents and insects	Recommended	Yes	Yes
10. Specified disinfection procedures	Yes	Yes	Yes
11. Safe storage of a biological agent	Yes	Yes	Yes, secure storage
12. Personnel should shower before leaving the contained area	No	Recommended	Recommended
Waste			
13. Validated inactivation process for the safe disposal of animal carcasses	Recommended	Yes, on or off site	Yes, on site
Other measures			
14. A laboratory is to contain its own equipment	No	Recommended	Yes
15. An observation window, or, alternative, is to be present, so that occupants can be seen	Recommended	Recommended	Yes'
<p>⁽¹⁾ HEPA: High efficiency particulate air</p> <p>⁽²⁾ Airlock: Entry must be through an airlock which is a chamber isolated from the laboratory. The clean side of the airlock must be separated from the restricted side by changing or showering facilities and preferably by interlocking doors.</p>			

SCHEDULE VI
CONTAINMENT FOR INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES

(Regulation 4(1) and Regulation 16(2)(a))

Preliminary note

In the table, "Recommended" means that the measures should in principle be applied, unless the results of the assessment referred to in Regulation 3(2) indicate otherwise.

Group 1 biological agents

For work with group 1 biological agents including live attenuated vaccines, the principles of good occupational safety and hygiene should be observed.

Groups 2, 3 and 4 biological agents

It may be appropriate to select and combine containment requirements from different categories below on the basis of a risk assessment related to any particular process or part of a process.

A. Containment measures	B. Containment levels		
	2	3	4
General			
1. Viable organisms should be handled in a system which physically separates the process from the environment	Yes	Yes	Yes
2. Exhaust gases from the closed system should be treated so as to:	Minimise release	Prevent release	Prevent release
3. Sample collection, addition of materials to a closed system and transfer of viable organisms to another closed system, should be performed so as to:	Minimise release	Prevent release	Prevent release
4. Bulk culture fluids should not be removed from the closed system unless the viable organisms have been:	Inactivated by validated chemical or physical means	Inactivated by validated chemical or physical means	Inactivated by validated chemical or physical means
5. Seals should be designed so as to:	Minimise release	Prevent release	Prevent release
6. The controlled area should be designed to contain spillage of the entire contents of the closed system	No	Recommended	Yes
7. The controlled area should be sealable to permit fumigation	No	Recommended	Yes
Facilities			
8. Decontamination and washing facilities should be provided for personnel	Yes	Yes	Yes
Equipment			
9. Input air and extract air to the controlled area should be HEPA ⁽¹⁾ filtered	No	Recommended	Yes
10. The controlled area should be maintained at an air pressure negative to atmosphere	No	Recommended	Yes

11.The controlled area should be adequately ventilated to minimize air contamination	Recommended	Recommended	Yes
System of work			
12.Closed systems ⁽²⁾ should be located within a controlled area	Recommended	Recommended	Yes, and purpose-built
13.Biohazard signs should be posted	Recommended	Yes	Yes
14.Access should be restricted to nominated personnel only	Recommended	Yes	Yes, via an airlock ⁽³⁾
15.Personnel should shower before leaving the controlled area	No	Recommended	Yes
16.Personnel should wear protective clothing	Yes, work clothing	Yes	Yes, complete change
Waste			
17.Effluent from sinks and showers should be collected and inactivated before release	No	Recommended	Yes
18.Effluent treatment before final discharge	Inactivated by validated chemical or physical means	Inactivated by validated chemical or physical means	Inactivated by validated chemical or physical means
<p>⁽¹⁾ HEPA: High efficiency particulate air</p> <p>⁽²⁾ Closed system: A system that physically separates the process from the environment (e.g. incubator vats, tanks, etc.).</p> <p>⁽³⁾ Airlock: Entry must be through an airlock which is a chamber isolated from the laboratory. The clean side of the airlock must be separated from the restricted side by changing or showering facilities and preferably by interlocking doors."</p>			