

### 3.7 Prions

Prions are resistant to most traditional methods of inactivation used for other microorganisms such as formaldehyde, ultraviolet light, ethylene oxide, ionizing radiation and moist heat at 121 °C. Because of the difficulties in destroying prions or ensuring they are non-infectious, they pose particular laboratory problems. However, they are not easily spread from host to host and the usual mechanism of spread appears to be by the ingestion or grafting of infectious material.

When work involves infectious prions, a Class II BSC shall be used. When it is possible for prions to contaminate voids and exhaust air paths between the operating surface of the Class II BSC and the cabinet exhaust filter, a laminar flow CDSC shall be used. A risk assessment shall be carried out to determine when a CDSC shall be used.

Table 3.4 lists examples of prions of Risk Group 2 (see also Clauses 11.9 and 13.2.1). Table D.2 provides guidance on disinfection of equipment or surfaces contaminated with prions.

For potentially infectious diagnostic samples, see Clause 3.4.

### 3.8 Scale of cultures

The risk group classifications listed in Tables 3.1 to 3.7 are appropriate for small-scale volume laboratory operations with microorganisms of Risk Groups 2 and 3. Where larger volumes or very high concentrations of the microorganisms are to be handled, the risk of infection or inadvertent release from containment can be higher and additional precautions or an increase in PC level may be appropriate. See also Clause 2.3 for large scale GMO work.

Table 3.1 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of bacteria of Risk Group 2

Organism	
<i>Acidovorax</i> spp.	<i>Haemophilus</i> spp.
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	<i>Helicobacter</i> spp.
<i>Actinomyces</i> spp.	<i>Kingella kingae</i>
<i>Aeromonas</i> spp.	<i>Klebsiella</i> spp.
<i>Afipia</i> spp.	<i>Legionella</i> spp.
<i>Arcanobacterium haemolyticum</i>	<i>Leptospira interrogans</i> (all serovars) <sup>c</sup>
<i>Bacillus</i> spp. (except <i>B. anthracis</i> <sup>i,l</sup> ) <i>B. anthracis</i> Sterne strain <sup>e,j,k</sup>	<i>Listeria</i> spp., <i>L. monocytogenes</i> <sup>d</sup>
<i>Bacterioides fragilis</i>	<i>Moraxella</i> spp.
<i>Bartonella</i> spp. (except <i>B. bacilliformis</i> )	<i>Mycobacterium</i> spp. other than <i>M. tuberculosis</i> complex <sup>e</sup>
<i>Bordetella pertussis</i>	<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex (except multi-drug resistant strains <sup>e,f,h,l</sup> )
<i>Borrelia</i> spp. (serology only)	<i>Mycoplasma</i> spp.
<i>Brucella</i> spp. (serology only), <i>B. ovis</i>	<i>M. pneumoniae</i> <sup>e</sup>
<i>Burkholderia</i> spp (except <i>B. mallei</i> <sup>i</sup> ) <i>B. pseudomallei</i> <sup>b,e</sup>	<i>Neisseria gonorrhoeae</i>
<i>Campylobacter</i> spp.	unspeciated <i>Neisseria/N. meningitidis</i> <sup>b,e</sup>
<i>Capnocytophaga</i> spp.	<i>Nocardia</i> spp.
<i>Chlamydia</i> spp. (except <i>C. psittaci</i> )	<i>Pasteurella</i> spp.
<i>Clostridium</i> spp. <sup>g</sup>	<i>Pseudomonas</i> spp.
<i>Corynebacterium diphtheriae</i> , <i>C. pseudotuberculosis</i>	<i>Rhodococcus equi</i>
<i>Coxiella burnetii</i> (serology only)	<i>Salmonella enterica</i> serovars
<i>Dermatophilus congolensis</i>	<i>Salmonella</i> Paratyphi A and B <sup>b</sup>
	<i>Salmonella</i> Typhi <sup>b,f</sup>

Table 3.1 (continued)

Organism	
<i>Eikenella corrodens</i>	<i>Serratia</i> spp.
<i>Enterococcus</i> spp.	<i>Shigella</i> spp. <sup>b</sup>
<i>Erysipelothrix rhusiopathiae</i>	<i>Staphylococcus</i> spp.
<i>Escherichia coli</i> including:	<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>
enteropathogenic (EPEC)	<i>Streptobacillus moniliformis</i>
enteroaggregative (EAEC)	<i>Streptococcus</i> spp.
enterotoxigenic (ETEC)	<i>Treponema pallidum</i> <sup>c</sup>
uropathogenic (UPEC)	<i>Ureaplasma ureolyticum</i>
Shiga-like toxin producing (STEC) <sup>b</sup>	<i>Vibrio cholerae</i> , <i>V. parahaemolyticus</i> , <i>V. vulnificus</i>
<i>Fusobacterium</i> spp.	<i>Yersinia</i> spp. (except <i>Y. pestis</i> <sup>i</sup> )
<i>Gardnerella vaginalis</i>	
<p>a This list is not exhaustive. Some species of some genera may be classified as Risk Group 1 subject to a risk assessment and check of current literature.</p> <p>b Low infectious dose, high pathogenicity, common source of laboratory-acquired infections.</p> <p>c Can penetrate intact skin.</p> <p>d May be dangerous for pregnant women.</p> <p>e Should be handled in a BSC due to high risk of aerosol spread.</p> <p>f Vaccination, see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a>.</p> <p>g <i>Clostridium botulinum</i> (botulism toxin-producing strains) — SSBA (see <a href="#">Clause 2.4</a> Note 1).</p> <p>h Less than 5 000 cultures per year. See references in <a href="#">Clause 3.3.2.1</a>. See <a href="#">Clause 3.8</a>.</p> <p>i SSBA (see <a href="#">Clause 2.4</a> Note 1).</p> <p>j Use of face shields and masks is recommended.</p> <p>k High risk of percutaneous infection.</p> <p>l See also <a href="#">Table 3.5</a>.</p>	

Table 3.2 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of parasites of Risk Group 2 — Infectious stages only

Organism	
<i>Acanthamoeba</i> spp.	<i>Fasciola hepatica</i>
<i>Angiostrongylus cantonensis</i>	<i>Giardia</i> spp.
<i>Anisakis</i> spp.	Hookworm spp.
<i>Ascaris lumbricoides</i>	<i>Leishmania</i> spp.
<i>Babesia</i> spp.	<i>Loa</i>
<i>Balamuthia mandrillaris</i>	<i>Naegleria fowleri</i>
<i>Brugia</i> spp.	<i>Opisthorchis</i> spp.
<i>Clonorchis sinensis</i>	<i>Plasmodium</i> spp. (human and simian)
<i>Cryptosporidium</i> spp.	<i>Rodentolepis</i>
<i>Cyclospora cayetanensis</i>	<i>Schistosoma</i> spp.
<i>Cystoisospora belli</i>	<i>Strongyloides stercoralis</i> <sup>b</sup>
<i>Diphyllobothrium latum</i>	<i>Taenia saginata</i>
<i>Echinococcus</i> spp.	<i>Taenia solium</i> <sup>c</sup>
<i>Entamoeba histolytica</i>	<i>Toxocara</i> spp.
<i>Enterobius vermicularis</i>	<i>Toxoplasma gondii</i> <sup>d</sup>
<p>a This list is not exhaustive. Some species of some genera may be classified as Risk Group 1 subject to a risk assessment and check of current literature.</p> <p>b Filariform larvae may cross intact skin.</p> <p>c Accidental ingestion of eggs may lead to cysticercosis.</p> <p>d May be teratogenic.</p>	

Table 3.3 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of fungi or fungal-like organisms of Risk Group 2

Organism	
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	<i>Microsporium</i> spp.
<i>Candida albicans</i>	<i>Scedosporium</i> spp.
<i>Cryptococcus gattii</i>	<i>Sporothrix schenckii</i>
<i>Cryptococcus neoformans</i>	<i>Trichophyton</i> spp.
<i>Epidermophyton floccosum</i>	
<p>a This list is not exhaustive. Some species of some genera may be classified as Risk Group 1 subject to a risk assessment and check of current literature.</p>	

Table 3.4 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of viruses and prions of Risk Group 2

Virus			
Species	Family: Genus	Previous/Other name	Notes
<i>Adenovirus</i>	<i>Adenoviridae</i>		All types.
<i>Alphaarterivirus equid</i>	<i>Arteriviridae:</i> <i>Alphaarterivirus</i>	<i>Equine arteritis virus</i>	
<i>Avian orthoavulavirus 1</i>	<i>Paramyxoviridae:</i> <i>Orthoavulavirus</i>	<i>Newcastle disease virus</i>	Non-virulent enzootic strains only.
<i>Avian metaavulavirus 2, 5, 6, 7, 8</i>	<i>Paramyxoviridae:</i> <i>Metaavulavirus</i>	<i>Avian paramyxovirus 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8</i>	
<i>Avian metapneumovirus</i>	<i>Pneumoviridae:</i> <i>Metapneumovirus</i>		
<i>Avian orthoavulavirus 9</i>	<i>Paramyxoviridae:</i> <i>Orthoavulavirus</i>	<i>Avian paramyxovirus 9</i>	
<i>Avian paraavulavirus 3 and 4</i>	<i>Paramyxoviridae:</i> <i>Orthoavulavirus</i>	<i>Avian paramyxovirus 3 and 4</i>	
<i>Astrovirus</i>	<i>Astroviridae: Astrovirus</i>		
<i>Barmah Forest virus</i>	<i>Togaviridae: Alphavirus</i>		
<i>Bluetongue virus</i>	<i>Reoviridae: Orbivirus</i>		Endemic strains.
<i>Cardiovirus A</i>	<i>Picornaviridae: Cardiovirus</i>	<i>Encephalomyocarditis virus</i>	
<i>Cowpox virus</i>	<i>Poxviridae: Orthopoxvirus</i>		
<i>Dengue virus</i>	<i>Flaviviridae: Flavivirus</i>		All serotypes.
<i>Duck hepatitis B virus</i>	<i>Hepadnaviridae:</i> <i>Avihepadnavirus</i>		
<i>Enterovirus A to L</i>	<i>Genus Picornaviridae:</i> <i>Enterovirus</i>	Coxsackievirus, Echovirus, Poliovirus, Human enterovirus	Includes coxsackievirus, echovirus, poliovirus and human enterovirus types in Enterovirus A to D and non-human enterovirus types in Enterovirus E to L. Immunization against poliovirus mandatory (see <a href="#">Appendix A</a> ).
<i>Epizootic haemorrhagic disease virus</i>	<i>Reoviridae: Orbivirus</i>		Endemic strains.
<i>Feline calicivirus</i>	<i>Caliciviridae: Vesivirus</i>		
<i>Hepacivirus C</i>	<i>Flaviviridae: Hepacivirus</i>	<i>Hepatitis virus C</i>	
<i>Hepatitis delta virus</i>	Unassigned: <i>Deltavirus</i>		
<i>Hepatovirus A</i>	<i>Picornaviridae:</i> <i>Hepatovirus</i>	<i>Hepatitis A virus</i>	Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ).
<i>Human coronavirus 229E</i>	<i>Coronaviridae:</i> <i>Alphacoronavirus</i>	HCoV-229E	
<i>Human coronavirus OC43</i>	<i>Coronaviridae:</i> <i>Betacoronavirus</i>	HCoV-OC43	Subspecies of Betacoronavirus 1.
<i>Human alphaherpesvirus 1 and 2</i>	<i>Herpesviridae:</i> <i>Simplexvirus</i>	<i>Herpes simplex virus 1 and 2</i>	
<i>Human alphaherpesvirus 3</i>	<i>Herpesviridae:</i> <i>Varicellovirus</i>	<i>Varicella zoster virus</i>	

Table 3.4 (continued)

Virus			
Species	Family: Genus	Previous/Other name	Notes
Human betaherpesvirus 5	Herpesviridae: Cytomegalovirus		May be teratogenic.
Human betaherpesvirus 6A, 6B and 7	Herpesviridae: Roseolovirus		
Human gammaherpesvirus 4	Herpesviridae: Lymphocryptovirus	Epstein-Barr virus	
Human Hepatitis B	Hepadnavirinae Orthohepadnavirus		
Human gammaherpesvirus 8	Herpesviridae: Rhadinovirus	Kaposi's sarcoma-associated virus	
Human immunodeficiency virus 1 and 2	Retroviridae: Lentivirus		Serology, tests not involving propagation or culture.
Human metapneumovirus	Pneumoviridae: Metapneumovirus		
Human orthopneumovirus	Pneumoviridae: Orthopneumovirus	Human respiratory syncytial virus	
Human orthorubulavirus 2 and 4	Paramyxoviridae: Orthorubulavirus	Human parainfluenza virus 2 and 4	
Human papillomavirus	Papillomaviridae		
Human polyomavirus 1	Polyomaviridae: betapolyomavirus	BK polyomavirus, BK virus	
Human polyomavirus 2	Polyomaviridae: betapolyomavirus	JC polyomavirus, JC virus	
Human respirovirus 1 and 3	Paramyxoviridae: Respirovirus	Human parainfluenza 1 and 3	
Influenza	Orthomyxoviridae		All strains and candidate vaccine strains except those specified in <a href="#">Table 3.7</a> . Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ).
Japanese encephalitis virus – Nakayama and other vaccine strains	Flaviviridae: Flavivirus		Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ).
Kokobera virus	Flaviviridae: Flavivirus		
Lymphocytic choriomeningitis mammarenavirus	Arenaviridae: Mammarenavirus	LCMV	Non neurotropic and laboratory adapted strains (see also <a href="#">Table 3.7</a> ).
Macaca mulatta polyomavirus 1	Polyomaviridae Betapolyomavirus	Simian virus 40, SV40	
Mammalian orthoreovirus	Reoviridae: Orthoreovirus	Mammalian reovirus	
Measles morbillivirus	Paramyxoviridae: Morbillivirus	Measles virus	Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ).
Menangle pararubulavirus	Paramyxoviridae: Pararubulavirus	Menangle rubulavirus	
Middle East respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus	Coronaviridae: Betacoronavirus	MERS-CoV	Serology and tests not involving propagation or culture.

Table 3.4 (continued)

Virus			
Species	Family: Genus	Previous/Other name	Notes
<i>Mumps orthorubulavirus</i>	Paramyxoviridae: <i>Orthorubulavirus</i>	<i>Mumps rubulavirus</i>	Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ).
<i>Molluscum contagiosum virus</i>	Poxviridae: <i>Molluscipoxvirus</i>		
<i>Murine respirovirus</i>	Paramyxoviridae: <i>Respirovirus</i>	<i>Sendai virus</i>	
<i>Murine coronavirus</i>	Coronaviridae: <i>Betacoronavirus</i>	M-CoV	Mouse hepatitis virus.
<i>Murray Valley encephalitis virus</i>	Flaviviridae: <i>Flavivirus</i>		
<i>Norwalk virus</i>	Caliciviridae: <i>Norovirus</i>	<i>Norovirus</i>	All serotypes, genogroups, strains and isolates.
<i>Orf virus</i>	Poxviridae: <i>Parapoxvirus</i>		
<i>Orthohepevirus A</i>	Hepeviridae: <i>Orthohepevirus</i>	<i>Hepatitis virus E</i>	Risk to pregnant women.
<i>Parechovirus A, B, C and D</i>	Picornaviridae: <i>Parechovirus</i>	<i>Human parechovirus, Ljungan virus, Sebokele virus 1 and Ferret parechovirus</i>	
<i>Pegivirus C</i>	Flaviviridae: <i>Pegivirus</i>	<i>GB virus C, Hepatitis virus G</i>	
<i>Porcine epidemic diarrhoea virus</i>	Coronaviridae: <i>Alphacoronavirus</i>	PEDV	
<i>Primate erythroparvovirus 1</i>	Parvoviridae: <i>Erythroparvovirus</i>	<i>Human parvovirus, Parvovirus B19</i>	May be teratogenic.
<i>Primate T-lymphotropic virus 1 and 2</i>	Retroviridae: <i>Deltareovirus</i>	<i>Human T-lymphotropic virus 1 and 2</i>	Serology, tests not involving propagation or culture.
<i>Pseudocowpox virus</i>	Poxviridae: <i>Parapoxvirus</i>	<i>Milkers nodule virus</i>	
<i>Rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus</i>	Caliciviridae: <i>Lagovirus</i>		
<i>Rhinovirus A, B and C</i>	Picornaviridae: <i>Enterovirus</i>		
<i>Ross River virus</i>	Togaviridae: <i>Alphavirus</i>		
<i>Rotavirus A to J</i>	Reoviridae: <i>Rotavirus</i>		
<i>Rubella virus</i>	Matonaviridae: <i>Rubivirus</i>		Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ). May be teratogenic.
<i>Sapporo virus</i>	Caliciviridae: <i>Sapovirus</i>		
<i>Saumarez Reef virus</i>	Flaviviridae: <i>Flavivirus</i>		
<i>Semliki Forest virus</i>	Togaviridae: <i>Alphavirus</i>		
<i>Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS CoV) – related viruses</i>	Coronaviridae: <i>Betacoronavirus</i>	SARS Coronavirus	Serology and tests not involving propagation or culture. SSBA (see <a href="#">Clause 2.4 Note 1</a> ).
<i>Simian immunodeficiency virus</i>	Retroviridae: <i>Lentivirus</i>		Serology, tests not involving propagation or culture.
<i>Tacaribe virus complex</i>	Arenaviridae: <i>Mammarenavirus</i>		

Table 3.4 (continued)

Virus			
Species	Family: Genus	Previous/Other name	Notes
<i>Vaccinia virus</i>	<i>Poxviridae: Orthopoxvirus</i>		Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ). May be dangerous for pregnant women.
<i>West Nile virus – Kunjin strain</i>	<i>Flaviviridae: Flavivirus</i>		
<i>West Nile virus – Sarafend strain</i>	<i>Flaviviridae: Flavivirus</i>		
<i>Zika virus</i>	<i>Flaviviridae: Flavivirus</i>		May be teratogenic.
Prions			
Gerstmann-Sträussler-Scheinker syndrome			
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease agent			See <a href="#">Clauses 3.7</a> and <a href="#">13.2.1</a> .
Kuru disease agent			See <a href="#">Clauses 3.7</a> and <a href="#">13.2.1</a> .
<p><sup>a</sup> This list is not exhaustive. Some species of some genera may be classified as Risk Group 1 subject to a risk assessment and check of current literature.</p>			

Table 3.5 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of bacteria of Risk Group 3

Organism
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> <sup>f</sup>
<i>Bartonella bacilliformis</i>
<i>Burkholderia mallei</i>
<i>Brucella</i> spp. (except serology (see <a href="#">Table 3.1</a> ) and <i>B. ovis</i> )
<i>Chlamydia psittaci</i> (syn <i>Chlamydophila psittaci</i> )
<i>Coxiella burnetii</i> (cultures, animal work and concentrates) <sup>b,c</sup>
<i>Francisella tularensis</i> (Type A) <sup>f</sup>
<i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> complex <sup>c,d,e</sup>
<i>Rickettsia</i> spp.
<i>Yersinia pestis</i> <sup>f</sup>
<p><sup>a</sup> This list is not exhaustive.</p> <p><sup>b</sup> May be dangerous for pregnant women.</p> <p><sup>c</sup> Vaccination, see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a>.</p> <p><sup>d</sup> Respiratory protection should be considered.</p> <p><sup>e</sup> Greater than 5 000 cultures per year or reference role. Culture, smear microscopy including known multi-drug resistant strains. Identification and drug susceptibility testing. See references in <a href="#">Clause 3.3.2.1</a>. See <a href="#">Clause 3.8</a>.</p> <p><sup>f</sup> SSBA (see <a href="#">Clause 2.4</a> Note 1).</p>

Table 3.6 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of fungi or fungal-like organisms of Risk Group 3<sup>c</sup>

Organism
<i>Blastomyces dermatitidis</i>
<i>Cladophialophora bantiana</i>
<i>Coccidioides immitis</i> <sup>b</sup>
<i>Coccidioides posadasii</i>
<i>Histoplasma</i> spp.
<i>Paracoccidioides brasiliensis</i>
<i>Talaromyces marneffeii</i> (syn <i>Penicillium marneffeii</i> )
<sup>a</sup> This list is not exhaustive.
<sup>b</sup> May be dangerous for pregnant women.
<sup>c</sup> The mycelial forms of these fungi produce highly infectious conidia. The use of plate cultures should be avoided.

Table 3.7 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of viruses of Risk Group 3

Virus			
Species	Family: Genus	Previous/Other name	Notes
<i>Australian Bat Lyssa virus</i>	<i>Rhabdoviridae</i> <i>Lyssavirus</i>		Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ).
<i>Avian orthoavulavirus 1</i>	<i>Paramyxoviridae</i> : <i>Orthoavulavirus</i>	Newcastle disease virus	Exotic strains.
<i>Avian Influenza virus</i>	<i>Orthomyxoviridae</i>	Highly pathogenic strains	Propagative activities. SSBA (see <a href="#">Clause 2.4 Note 1</a> ).
<i>Chikungunya</i>	<i>Togaviridae</i> : <i>Alphavirus</i>		
<i>Eastern equine encephalitis virus</i>	<i>Togaviridae</i> : <i>Alphavirus</i>		
<i>Hantaan orthohantavirus</i>	<i>Bunyaviridae</i> ; <i>Orthohantavirus</i>	<i>Hantaan and related strains</i>	
<i>Human immunodeficiency virus 1 and 2</i>	<i>Retroviridae</i> : <i>Lentivirus</i>		Propagative <i>in vitro</i> activities.
<i>Influenza virus</i>	<i>Orthomyxoviridae</i>	Highly pathogenic strains	Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ). SSBA (see <a href="#">Clause 2.4 Note 1</a> ).
<i>Japanese encephalitis virus</i>	<i>Flaviviridae</i> : <i>Flavivirus</i>		Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ).
<i>Lymphocytic choriomeningitis mammarenavirus</i>	<i>Arenaviridae</i> : <i>Mammarenavirus</i>	LCMV Neurotropic strains	
<i>Mapeura pararubulavirus</i>	<i>Paramyxoviridae</i> : <i>Pararubulavirus</i>	<i>Mapeura rubulavirus</i>	
<i>Middle East respiratory syndrome-related coronavirus</i>	<i>Coronaviridae</i> : <i>Betacoronavirus</i>	MERS-CoV	Propagative <i>in vitro</i> activities.
<i>Oropouche orthobunyavirus</i>	<i>Bunyaviridae</i> ; <i>Orthobunyavirus</i>		
<i>Primate T-lymphotropic virus 1 and 2</i>	<i>Retroviridae</i> : <i>Deltareovirus</i>	<i>Human T-lymphotropic virus 1 and 2</i>	Propagative <i>in vitro</i> activities.



Table 3.7 (continued)

Virus			
Species	Family: Genus	Previous/Other name	Notes
<i>Rabies lyssavirus</i>	<i>Rhabdovirus; Lyssavirus</i>	Fixed strain only	
<i>Rift Valley Fever phlebovirus</i>	<i>Phenuiviridae; phlebovirus</i>		
<i>Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS CoV) – related viruses</i>	<i>Coronaviridae; Betacoronavirus</i>	SARS-coronavirus	Propagative <i>in vitro</i> activities. SSBA (see <a href="#">Clause 2.4 Note 1</a> ).
<i>Simian immunodeficiency virus</i>	<i>Retroviridae; Lentivirus</i>		
<i>St Louis Encephalitis virus</i>	<i>Flaviviridae; Flavivirus</i>		Propagative <i>in vitro</i> activities.
<i>Tick-borne viruses</i>	<i>Flaviviridae; Flavivirus</i>		
<i>Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus</i>	<i>Togaviridae; Alphavirus</i>		
<i>Western equine encephalitis virus</i>	<i>Togaviridae; Alphavirus</i>		
<i>West Nile virus</i>	<i>Flaviviridae; Flavivirus</i>		
<i>Yellow fever virus</i>	<i>Flaviviridae; Flavivirus</i>		Vaccination available (see <a href="#">Clause 2.6.4</a> ). May be teratogenic. SSBA (see <a href="#">Clause 2.4 Note 1</a> ).
a This list is not exhaustive.			

Table 3.8 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of viruses in Risk Group 4

Virus			
Species	Family: Genus	Previous/Other name	Notes
Crimean-Congo haemorrhagic Orthonaviruses	Bunyaviridae; Orthonaviruses		
Ebola virus	Filoviridae		
Guanarito virus	Arenaviridae; Arenavirus		SSBA (see Clause 2.4 Note 1)
Hazara orthonaviruses	Bunyaviridae; Orthonaviruses		
Hendra virus	Paramyxoviridae; Henipavirus		
Junin virus	Arenaviridae; Arenavirus		
Kyasanur Forest Virus	Flaviviridae; Flavivirus		
Lassa virus	Arenavirus; Arenavirus		
Macacine alphaherpesvirus	Herpesviridae; Alphaherpesvirus	Herpes virus simiae (B virus)	
Machupo virus	Arenaviridae; Arenavirus		
Marburg virus	Filoviridae		SSBA (see Clause 2.4 Note 1).
Mopeia viruses	Arenaviridae; Arenavirus		
Nipah virus	Paramyxoviridae; Henipavirus		
Omsk Haemorrhagic virus	Flaviviridae; Flavivirus		
Sabia virus	Arenaviridae; Arenavirus		
Tick-borne encephalitis virus	Flaviviridae; Flavivirus		

<sup>a</sup> This list is not exhaustive.

Table 3.9 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of plant pathogens of Plant Risk Group 2<sup>b</sup>

Organism
Onion smut ( <i>Urocystis magica</i> ) — soilborne, under control
Citrus canker ( <i>Xanthomonas axonopodis</i> ) — exotic, splash-dispersed
Fire blight ( <i>Erwinia amylovora</i> ) — exotic, needs vector
Plum pox potyvirus — exotic, needs vector
Potato cyst nematode ( <i>Globodera rostochiensis</i> and <i>G. pallida</i> ) — soilborne, under control or exotic
Pierce's disease ( <i>Xylella fastidiosa</i> ) — exotic, needs vector
Chestnut blight ( <i>Cryphonectria parasitica</i> ) — under control, splash-dispersed
Pine pitch canker ( <i>Fusarium circinatum</i> ) — exotic, splash-dispersed

<sup>a</sup> This list is not exhaustive.

<sup>b</sup> Use of plant pathogens may also be subject to regulation by state and territory or relevant Australian or New Zealand government authorities.

**Table 3.10 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of plant pathogens of Plant Risk Group 3<sup>b</sup>**

Organism
Karnal bunt ( <i>Tilletia indica</i> ) — exotic, wind borne
Grapevine rust ( <i>Phakopsora euvitis</i> ) — exotic, wind borne
Sudden oak death ( <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> ) — exotic, wind borne
Potato late blight ( <i>Phytophthora infestans</i> ) exotic strains — wind borne
Guava rust/eucalyptus rust/myrtle rust ( <i>Austropuccinia psidii</i> ) — required for States not already affected, and for exotic strains, wind borne
a This list is not exhaustive.
b Use of plant pathogens may also be subject to regulation by state and territory or relevant Australian or New Zealand government authorities.

**Table 3.11 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of aquatic pathogens of Risk Group 2<sup>b</sup>**

Organism	Family
Abalone herpesvirus	<i>Malacoherpesviridae</i>
<i>Aphanomyces invadans</i>	<i>Leptolegniaceae</i>
<i>Aeromonas salmonicida</i> subspp. (excluding subspp. <i>salmonicida</i> )	<i>Aeromonadaceae</i>
<i>Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis</i>	Not assigned
<i>Bonamia exitiosa</i>	<i>Haplosporidiidae</i>
<i>Bonamia</i> sp.	<i>Haplosporidiidae</i>
<i>Edwardsiella ictaluri</i>	<i>Enterobacteriaceae</i>
Epizootic haematopoietic necrosis virus	<i>Iridoviridae</i>
Gill-associated virus	<i>Roniviridae</i>
Infectious hypodermal and haematopoietic necrosis virus	<i>Parvoviridae</i>
<i>Macrobrachium rosenbergii</i> nodavirus	<i>Nodaviridae</i>
<i>Marteilia sydneyi</i>	<i>Marteiliidae</i>
Nervous necrosis virus	<i>Nodaviridae</i>
Ostreid herpesvirus-1 including $\mu$ Var	<i>Malacoherpesviridae</i>
<i>Perkinsus olseni</i>	<i>Perkinsidae</i>
<i>Ranavirus</i>	<i>Iridoviridae</i>
a This list is not exhaustive.	
b Use of aquatic pathogens may also be subject to regulation by state and territory or relevant Australian or New Zealand government authorities.	

Table 3.12 — Examples<sup>a</sup> of aquatic pathogens of Risk Group 3<sup>b,c,d</sup>

Organism	Family
<i>Aeromonas salmonicida</i> subsp. <i>salmonicida</i>	Aeromonadaceae
<i>Aphanomyces astaci</i>	Leptolegniaceae
<i>Bonamia ostreae</i>	Haplosporidiidae
<i>Candidatus Hepatobacter penaei</i>	Rhizobiaceae
Channel catfish virus	Alloherpesviridae
European catfish virus/European sheatfish virus	Iridoviridae
Grouper iridovirus	Iridoviridae
<i>Gyrodactylus salaris</i>	Gyrodactylidae
Infectious haematopoietic necrosis virus	Rhabdoviridae
Infectious myonecrosis virus	Totiviridae
Infectious pancreatic necrosis virus	Birnaviridae
Infectious salmon anaemia virus	Orthomyxoviridae
Koi herpesvirus	Alloherpesviridae
Laem-Singh virus	Not assigned
<i>Martellia refringens</i>	Martelliidae
<i>Marteilioides chungmuensis</i>	Martelliidae
<i>Mikrocytos mackini</i>	Mikrocytiidae
<i>Myxobolus cerebralis</i>	Myxobolidae
<i>Perkinsus marinus</i>	Perkinsidae
<i>Piscirickettsia salmonis</i>	Piscirickettsiaceae
Red sea bream iridovirus	Iridoviridae
<i>Renibacterium salmoninarum</i>	Micrococcaceae
Salmonid alphavirus	Togaviridae
Spring viraemia of carp virus	Rhabdoviridae
Taura syndrome virus	Dicistroviridae
<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i> (VPA <sub>HHPND</sub> <sup>e</sup> )	Vibrionaceae
Viral haemorrhagic septicaemia virus	Rhabdoviridae
<i>Xenohaliotis californiensis</i>	Anaplasmataceae
Yellow head virus	Roniviridae
<i>Yersinia ruckeri</i> — Hagerman strain	Enterobacteriaceae

<sup>a</sup> This list is not exhaustive.

<sup>b</sup> Use of aquatic pathogens may also be subject to regulation by state and territory or relevant Australian or New Zealand government authorities.

<sup>c</sup> For diagnostic purposes, excluding culture of pathogens, organisms categorized as Risk Group 3 may be handled in PC2 facilities (see [Clause 4.3.3](#)) with permission from the relevant authority.

<sup>d</sup> A number of examples of megalocytiviruses are listed in Biosecurity Australia, *Importation of freshwater ornamental fish: review of biosecurity risks associated with gourami iridovirus and related viruses – Provisional final import risk analysis report*, Department of Agriculture, Canberra, Australia, 2010, pp. 7–8. At least one of the viruses listed in this publication have already been detected in Australia in aquaculture and others are recorded in imported ornamental fish. Before work commences with such viruses, advice should be sought from relevant state, territory or Australian or New Zealand government authorities (see Bibliography, References 1.31 and 1.32).

<sup>e</sup> VPA<sub>HHPND</sub> is a newly emerging disease of farmed prawns in Asia — information on this disease is changing on a regular basis.