

Glossary

Classification of contained use	<p>The contained use shall be classified into one of the following classes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Class 1 – activities for which level 1 containment as set out in the Fourth Schedule is appropriate to protect human health and the environment;Class 2 – activities for which level 2 containment as set out in the Fourth Schedule is appropriate to protect human health and the environment;Class 3 – activities for which level 3 containment as set out in the Fourth Schedule is appropriate to protect human health and the environment;Class 4 – activities for which level 4 containment as set out in the Fourth Schedule is appropriate to protect human health and the environment.
Competent Authority	<p>The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the Competent Authority (CA) for the purposes of the GMO (Contained Use) Regulations 2001 to 2010.</p>
Consent	<p>Consent issued in accordance with Article 26 of the GMO (Contained Use) Regulations 2001 and 2010.</p>
Contained Use	<p>Contained use means any activity in which organisms (including micro-organisms) are genetically modified or in which such organisms are cultured, stored, transported, destroyed, disposed of or used in any other way and for which specific containment and other protective measures are used to limit their contact with the general public and the environment. Typical contained use facilities would be laboratories, animal houses, greenhouses, plant rooms or industrial production facilities.</p>
Containment level	<p>Containment level refers to the containment and control measures required to ensure safe containment of the GMM within the contained use facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Level 1 containment - appropriate for Class 1 activities.Level 2 containment - appropriate for Class 2 activities.Level 3 containment - appropriate for Class 3 activities.Level 4 containment - appropriate for Class 4 activities.
Environment	<p>Includes atmosphere, land, soil, water and all living organisms.</p>
EPA	<p>Environmental Protection Agency</p>

First time use of a premises	The first time use of a premises means the first-time use of an activity involving a contained use of a GMM.
GMM	Genetically Modified Micro-organism means a micro-organism in which the genetic material has been altered in a way that does not occur naturally by mating or natural recombination or by a combination of both.
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GMO Register	A register of GMO/GMM users in Ireland, which is available for inspection at Agency Headquarters by any person during office hours. Each register entry provides details of the contained use activity.
GMP	Good Microbiological Practice
GOSH	Good Occupational Safety and Hygiene
Micro-organism	Any microbiological entity, cellular or non-cellular, capable of replication or of transferring genetic material including viruses, viroids and animal and plant cells in culture.
Notification	The presentation of the requisite information under the GMO (Contained Use) Regulations, 2001 to 2010 to the EPA.
Notifier	The person / organisation submitting the notification for the contained use of GMMs / GMOs to the EPA. Once a notifier receives consent for the GMO/GMM contained use activity they become a user.
Organism	Any multicellular, unicellular, subcellular or acellular entity capable of replication or of transferring genetic material whether by natural or artificial processes.
Premises	Any facility, including a laboratory, in which an activity involving the contained use of a Genetically Modified Micro-organisms (GMM) or a Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) is carried out, or where it is proposed to carry out such an activity or operation.
Regulations	Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2001 and 2010.

Subsequent contained use	Where a premises has been the subject of a previous notification to carry out a GMO/ GMM activity, consent has been granted and the user proposes to commence a new GMO/GMM activity for the same class.
User	Any 'natural or legal person' responsible for the contained use of GMMs.