

National Health Security Act 2007

List of Security-sensitive Biological Agents

I, NICOLA ROXON, Minister for Health and Ageing establish, under section 31 of the *National Health Security Act 2007*, the attached list of biological agents that I consider to be of security concern to Australia.

Dated this 10th day of November 2008



[signed]

Nicola Roxon
Minister for Health and Ageing

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Tier 1

Agent	Reportable quantity
Abrin	5 mg
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> (Anthrax—virulent strains)	
Botulinum toxin	0.5 mg
<i>Ebolavirus</i>	
<i>Foot-and-mouth disease virus</i>	
Highly pathogenic influenza virus, infecting humans	
<i>Marburgvirus</i>	
Ricin	5 mg
<i>Rinderpest virus</i>	
SARS coronavirus	
<i>Variola virus</i> (Smallpox)	
<i>Yersinia pestis</i> (Plague)	

Notes:

1. The agents above only refer to infectious, viable and pathogenic organisms or active toxins.
2. 'Highly pathogenic influenza virus infecting humans' include influenza viral strains that fulfil all the criteria listed below:
 - Considered highly pathogenic in usual host animal;
 - Proven infection of humans; and
 - Involved in an outbreak of human disease.

Examples of such viral strains include the 1918 pandemic *Influenzavirus A* and *Influenzavirus A H5N1*.

3. 'Botulinum toxin' does not refer to a form approved for therapeutic use under the *Therapeutic Goods Act 1989*. For example, the forms of Botulinum toxin approved for therapeutic use and known under their commercial names Botox™ or Dysport™.

4. The List is not a legislative instrument.