

Importing and Transferring Pathogens

In Canada, any controlled activity that involves human and animal pathogens and toxins is regulated by two federal agencies: the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). Controlled activities include possessing, handling, using, producing, storing, transferring or importing a pathogen as defined by PHAC and/or CFIA.

SFU has a licence from PHAC to permit SFU personnel to conduct these controlled activities with regulated biohazardous materials, provided they have an SFU-issued Biosafety Permit.

PHAC and CFIA regulate the importation of human and animal pathogens into Canada, and the transfer of human and animal pathogens within Canada. Depending on the nature of material to be imported or transferred, different regulations may apply. As a condition of SFU's licence to conduct controlled activities with regulated biohazardous materials, the SFU Biosafety Officer (BSO) must be notified before any importation or transfer, if you plan on importing or transferring regulated materials. IMPORTS

SFU users

They must be notified before any importation or transfer of regulated materials.

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