



## AUTHORIZATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL

The *Human Pathogen and Toxin Act* licences held by the University of Ottawa for materials in Risk Group 2 plus Risk Group 3 (HIV), also regulate the:

- importation,
- exportation,
- acquisition, and
- transfer of these substances.

Note that Security Sensitive Biological Agents (SSBAs) and Toxins are prohibited at the University of Ottawa because our licence does not allow for possession of these substances (except for exempt quantities of specific toxins, for details check the operational hub on the Biosafety Web Page).

Both the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) also regulate substances and publish criteria that must be met. Other regulatory bodies, such as Environment Canada and Climate Change, Fisheries and Ocean etc., may also publish requirements that must be met or reported on.

The Biohazardous Materials Use Certificate (BMUC) for any given substance must document the University's approval and must specify the inventory authorized to be acquired. The BMUC must also be issued to the principal investigator upon request, and must be considered before making arrangements to acquire material from colleagues, commercial suppliers, or from medical institutions (in the case of patient samples).

In all cases, both the Designated Biosafety Officer, representing the consignor, and the consignee must sign off on any transfer.

Because obtaining the necessary approvals may take significant time, especially for CFIA-regulated substances, individuals should plan for adequate lead time.