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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2015 No. 339**

**The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015**

**PART 2**

**Risk Assessment and Notification of Contained Use**

**Notification of class 3 or class 4 contained use**

**11.**—(1) A user shall not undertake a contained use involving micro-organisms classified as class 3 or class 4 unless written consent for that contained use has been granted by the competent authority.

(2) A person responsible for the contained use shall submit a notification to the competent authority containing the information specified in Schedule 6.

(3) The Executive shall send an acknowledgement of receipt to the notifier within 10 working days of the competent authority receiving the notification.

(4) Where the premises in the notification have not previously been notified for class 3 or class 4 contained use, the competent authority shall inform the notifier, in writing, of its decision to grant or refuse consent for the class 3 or class 4 contained use, within 90 days of the date on which the acknowledgement of receipt was sent to the notifier.

(5) Where the premises in the notification have previously been notified for class 3 or class 4 contained use and all relevant conditions of existing consents have been complied with, the competent authority shall inform the notifier, in writing, of its decision to grant or refuse consent for the class 3 or class 4 contained use, within 45 days of the date on which the acknowledgement of receipt was sent to the notifier.

(6) Before granting consent, the competent authority shall ensure that an emergency plan has been prepared where the risk assessment shows an emergency plan is required.

(7) Before deciding whether to grant or refuse consent, the competent authority shall take into account any representations made to it by any person within 30 days of the date on which the acknowledgement of receipt was sent to the notifier.

(8) A consent granted under this regulation may be granted subject to conditions.

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**Commencement Information**

**11** [Reg. 11](#) in operation at 23.10.2015, see [reg. 1](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, Section 11.