

CWC Schedule 1 Licensing Regime - UK Exemptions

No exemption applies to the production of Schedule 1 chemicals.

HN2 Salts

Salts of bis(2-chloroethyl)methylamine (CAS 51-75-2) may be exempted if their product forms meet **all** of the following criteria:

- are pharmaceutical formulations designed for human or animal administration in the treatment of medical or veterinary conditions, or in authorised clinical trials for such treatment; **and**
- are authorised by the relevant regulatory authority to be marketed as clinical, medical or veterinary products, used in authorised clinical trials, or prescribed by a physician or veterinarian.

This specific exemption will only apply when the named chemicals are held in quantities consistent with the end-use described.

Saxitoxin

Saxitoxin free base (CAS 35523-89-8) and its corresponding salts, in addition to their isotopically-labelled analogues and stereoisomers, may be exempted if **one or all** of the following criteria are met:

- it is an essential component (standard solution) of commercial antibody-based rapid test kits, or is a stand-alone certified calibration solution/solid; **and/or**
- it is to be used specifically for purposes related to paralytic shellfish poisoning testing, including related research and international proficiency testing activities.

This specific exemption will only apply when the named chemicals are held in quantities consistent with the end-use described.

Ricin

Ricin (CAS 9009-86-3), ricin A chain (CAS 96638-28-7) and their isotopically labelled analogues may be exempted if **one or all** of the following criteria are met:

- It is a toxoid; **and/or**
- It is irreversibly bound to immunoassay plates which have been coated with up to 100 µg of ricin.

Samples

Transfer, possession and use of clinical and veterinary samples (such as blood, urine, saliva and tissue) and environmental samples (such as clothing, equipment or soil) may be exempted if they meet **all** of the following criteria:

- have no visible contamination; and
- are to be used for legitimate medical, analytical or research purposes, or are to be destroyed.

It is a breach of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 to acquire, produce, possess or use a CWC Schedule 1 chemical without an appropriate licence issued by the UK National Authority. If you are in any doubt as to whether your activities require a CWC Schedule 1 license, please contact the UK National Authority immediately for further guidance and advice.

This guidance and the exemptions will be kept under review and may be subject to change in the future.

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