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Plant Pest Containment Level 1 Self Assessment Checklist

The information provided in this checklist will help you evaluate the physical and operational components of your facility as described in the *Containment Standards for Facilities Handling Plant Pests* to determine if your facility meets the Plant Pest Containment level 1 (PPC-1) requirements.

Facility:	
Postal Address:	Tel: E-mail:
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Room(s) / Building(s):	
Type of Facility: Greenhouse	☐ Laboratory ☐ Other:
Contact Information:	
1) Facility Supervisor	2) Biosafety Officer (or equivalent)
■ Name:	■ Name:
• Title:	• Title:
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Physical and Operational Components

The following tables describe physical and operational containment requirements for Plant Pest Containment (PPC) Level 1 facilities (e.g. laboratories, greenhouses, screenhouses) working with plant pests. The following symbols are used: • Required O Recommended¹

Phy	Physical Components					
Strue	Structure, Location and Access					
Q #	Reference	Components	PPC-1	Yes	No	Comments
1	3.7.1.2	Is signage installed on entry doors within the containment zone indicating containment level, contact information, and entry requirements?	О			
2	3.7.1.3	Is entrance to the containment zone via self-closing and lockable doors?	0			
3	3.7.1.4	Is restricted access to the containment zone ensured through a controlled access system (e.g. electronic access card, code or equivalent)?	О			
4	3.7.1.15a	Can emergency exits be opened only from inside the containment zone?	О			
5	3.7.1.15b	Are emergency exits alarmed?	О			
6	3.7.1.15c	Are emergency exits identified as "Emergency Exit Only"?	О			
7	3.7.1.16	Are dedicated laboratory clothing and personal protective equipment stored separately from street clothing?	О			
Surfa	Surface Finishes and Casework					
8	3.7.2.4a	Are bench tops non-absorptive, impervious to water, and resistant to acids, alkalis, organic solvents and moderate heat?	О			

¹ Recommended items are optional, depending upon the nature of the pest(s) requiring containment.

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9	3.7.2.4b	Are backsplashes installed tight to wall and sealed at wall-bench junction?	О			
Cont	ainment Peri	meter				
10	3.7.3.1	Is an autoclave or other validated means of waste treatment/disposal located within the containment zone, or if not available in the containment zone, are procedures in place to safely transport waste for treatment/disposal?	•			Specify: within PPC-1 zone outside PPC-1 zone Method of waste treatment (include time and temperature parameters):
11	3.7.3.3	Is the autoclave equipped with a cycle log recorder to record time, temperature, and pressure?	О			
12	3.7.3.7	Is the containment zone screened or sealed (including all windows, supply/exhaust air ducts)?	•			
Facil	Facility Services					
13	3.7.5.1	Is a hand washing sink located within the containment zone and near the point of exit?	О			
14	3.7.5.3	Are appropriate primary containment devices available (e.g. BSCs) to minimize the potential contamination of the containment zone?	О			
15	3.7.5.4	Are emergency eyewash facilities provided in the containment zone in accordance with activities and applicable regulations (i.e. ANSI Z358.1-2004)?	•			
16	3.7.5.5	Is an emergency shower provided in the containment zone in accordance with activities and applicable regulations (i.e. ANSI Z358.1-2004)?	•			
17	3.7.5.9	Are soil traps installed in drains?	•			

Gree	Greenhouses – if facility is not a greenhouse, proceed to Q#24					
Q #	Reference	Components	PPC-1	Yes	No	Comments
18	3.7.1.18	Are greenhouses designed to withstand extremes of local weather and anticipated maximum snow and ice loads, as well as wind, windborne debris and hail?	0			
19	3.7.2.5	Are greenhouse floors impervious to water and easy to clean (e.g. concrete)?	О			
20	3.7.3.8	Are spare greenhouse window panels, emergency glazing and screening stored nearby for emergency repairs?	0			
21	3.7.4.16	Are greenhouse vents and greenhouse HVAC penetrations screened with appropriate mesh screening to prevent pest escape?	•			
22	3.7.4.18	Is the greenhouse ventilation system designed to allow for greenhouse fumigation and pesticide applications?	•			
23	4.1.5.21	Are greenhouse personnel who apply pesticides appropriately trained and protected?	•			
Ope	Operational Components					
Acces	Access					
24	4.1.1	Is access to containment zone and support areas restricted to authorized personnel only?	•			
Docu	Documentation					
25	4.1.2.2	Is there an up-to-date inventory of all imported plant material and plant pests? Note: records should also be kept of all inoculations or infestations of plant material and the movement of plant material and plant pests into or out of containment.	•			

Train	Training					
Q #	Reference	Components	PPC-1	Yes	No	Comments
26	4.1.3a	Is personnel provided with training on pest-associated hazards and the precautions necessary to prevent the release of contained pests?	•			
27	4.1.3b	Is personnel required to show evidence that they know and understand the required precautions?	•			
28	4.1.3c	Is the training documented?	•			
29	4.1.3d	Are refresher and retraining programs implemented?	•			
Perso	onal Protecti	ve Equipment				
30	4.1.4.1	Are personnel and visitors entering the containment zone required to wear appropriate, properly fastened, protective clothing?	0			
31	4.1.4.2	Is protective clothing removed prior to exiting the containment zone?	•			
Worl	k Practices					
32	4.1.5.2	Are all organisms rendered non-viable prior to disposal?	•			Specify method:
33	4.1.5.3	Are good laboratory practices employed to prevent the escape of pests?	•			
34	4.1.5.4	Are doors kept closed to reduce the potential movement of plant pests?	•			
35	4.1.5.5	Is eating, chewing gum, drinking, smoking, storing of food and utensils, storing of personal belongings, applying cosmetics, and inserting or removing contact lenses prohibited in the containment zone? Note: the wearing of contact lenses is recommended only when other forms of corrective eyewear are not suitable.	O			
36	4.1.5.6	Is long hair tied back or restrained so that it cannot come into contact with hands, specimens, containers or equipment?	•			

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37	4.1.5.7	Are all pests and materials in a containment zone treated in accordance with the highest containment requirement for that area (e.g. if PPC-1 and PPC-2 pests are in the same room, PPC-2 practices must be followed)?	•			
38	4.1.5.8	Are all pests and material infested or suspected of being infested with a pest moved or transported in containers that are secure, leak-proof and not easily broken? Note: the containers may only be opened within a facility that provides the appropriate containment level for the pest in question.	•			
39	4.1.5.9	Are all work areas within a containment zone, including dedicated clerical work stations, clean and tidy? Note: storage of materials should be minimized, and paperwork should be done outside of containment zones if this presents a risk of disseminating pests.	•			
40	4.1.5.11	Are cultures stored in sealed, preferably break-resistant, containers such as screw-top vials? Note: cultures are to be clearly identified and dated. Where possible, petri dish cultures of sporulating fungi should be sealed with stretch film.	•			
41	4.1.5.12	Are contaminated materials and equipment properly cleaned and decontaminated before leaving the facility for servicing or disposal?	•			Specify method of decontamination:
42	4.1.5.13	Are all unintentionally introduced pests rendered non-viable, including those contaminating cultures, as soon as they are detected?	•			
43	4.1.5.15	Are disinfectants effective against the organisms in use available at all times when plant pests are handled or stored?	•			Specify disinfectant used and contact time:
44	4.1.5.16	Are sanitation practices implemented when working with plants and plant pests? Note: refer to page 37 of the Containment Standards for Facilities Handling Plant Pests for more details.	0			

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45	4.1.5.18	Are autoclaves used for decontamination monitored regularly using biological indicators to ensure efficacy (e.g. consider weekly or monthly monitoring, depending on the frequency of use of the autoclave). Note: monitoring records must be kept for three years.	•			
46	4.1.5.19a	Are losses of containment reported immediately to the laboratory supervisor and remedied as soon as possible?	•			
47	4.1.5.19b	Are written reports of such incidents maintained for three years, and the results of incident investigations used for continuing education?	•			
48	4.1.5.20	Is an effective bird, rodent, weed and plant pest control program maintained to prevent entry and eliminate undesired pests from the containment zone?	•			

Comments: