

**Application form – To register a non-native biological control agent as an ‘Approved Species’ on General Licence GL/NNS**

**The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)**

If you need assistance filling in this form please contact the NatureScot Licensing Team:

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Background

The law in Scotland prohibits the release of any animal outwith its native range. This is because of the great damage that non-native species can cause to native plants and animals. Biological control agents for pests and diseases often contain organisms not normally found in Scotland and therefore their use, even in glasshouses, could inadvertently constitute a ‘release’ and therefore an offence unless covered by a licence.

General Licences allow authorised people to carry out activities that would otherwise be illegal under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 (as amended). [General Licence GL/NNS](https://www.nature.scot/non-native-species-licence-forms-and-guidance-documents) permits the use of certain biological control agents containing “approved species” that can be clearly demonstrated to pose no significant threat to native species and the environment. This application form is for producers, suppliers or distributors of such products to register an ‘Approved species’ on GL/NNS. Once a species is registered this means that users of products containing said species can ensure that they stay within the law. Failing to register a new species may in effect criminalise any users of products containing said species in Scotland.

Who should use this application form?

Producers, sellers or distributors of products containing biological control agents that are;

* Not native to Scotland, and;
* For the purpose of controlling pests and diseases, and;
* Contain species not already listed as an approved Species on [General Licence GL/NNS](https://www.nature.scot/non-native-species-general-licence-gl-nns-release-non-native-species-outwith-its-native-range)

Why do we need this information?

We require objective evidence from the applicant to demonstrate that the species in question does not pose any significant threat to native species in the environment or any other interests. The questions in this application form require applicants to provide specific details of their products and robust evidence in relation to these potential risks.

Section A: Other licences in UK

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| Please indicate below whether you also intend to seek a licence to release this organism in the devolved administrations: | |
| Do you have a licence to supply/release this product in England, N. Ireland or Wales? | **Yes  No**  *If yes, please provide your licence number and confirm which authority you hold your licence with:*  Licence Number  DEFRA, England  Natural Resources Wales  DAERA, Northern Ireland |
| Do you intend to apply for a licence to supply/release this product in England, N. Ireland or Wales? | **Yes  No**  *If yes please confirm which authority you will be applying to:*  DEFRA, England  Natural Resources Wales  DAERA, Northern Ireland |

**Section B: Contact details**

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| **Title** |  |
| **First name** |  |
| **Surname** |  |
| **Email address** |  |
| **Organisation/consultancy name** (if this is your work address) |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **Postcode** |  |
| **Contact telephone number(s)** |  |
| **Type of address** | **Home  Work** |

**Section C: Information about the taxonomy of the biological control agent (BCA)**

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| **Class** |  |
| **Order** |  |
| **Family** |  |
| **Genus** |  |
| **Species** |  |
| **Sub-species (if applicable)** |  |
| **Strain, form, variety, biotype, etc. (if applicable). The information provided must allow unambiguous identification of the BCA** |  |
| **Details of any taxonomic difficulties, e.g., species complexes, cryptic species, poorly studied groups** |  |
| **Indicate means of identification confirmation (including reference)** |  |
| **Micro-organisms directly associated with the BCA, e.g., symbiotic bacteria in entomopathogenic nematodes** |  |

**Section D: Information about the biology and ecology of the BCA**

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| *The numbered entries below may be expanded as annexes. Information sources must be clearly identified; if the information originates from published material, please include an electronic copy of each item* | |
| **Origin (please state whether this organism is known or believed to be non-indigenous to Great Britain and Scotland)** |  |
| **Current geographical range** |  |
| **Basic information about the life cycle and ecology of the BCA, including: longevity, number of generations per year, reproductive biology (e.g., sexual/asexual reproduction), climatic conditions and habitat range of areas where the BCA is native and where it has been introduced** |  |
| **Purpose of the application and use: targeted pests and diseases** |  |
| **Basic information on the biology and ecology of each host or prey (including area of distribution)** |  |
| **Known or potential non-target hosts or prey** |  |
| **Natural enemies, including pathogens** |  |

**Section E: Risk assessment**

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| *The numbered entries below may be expanded as annexes. Information sources must be clearly identified; if the information originates from published material, please include an electronic copy of each item.* | |
| **Potential survival of the BCA agent, including mechanisms of dispersal (e.g., flight capability, migratory behaviour). Please specifically address cold-hardiness and mechanisms to survival extreme conditions (e.g., diapause, quiescence, migration)** |  |
| **History of previous releases in UK and elsewhere, including outcomes (cases of success and unintended establishment)** |  |
| **Known areas where the BCA has been accidentally introduced** |  |
| **Potential hazards of the BCA to human health** |  |
| **Potential hazards of the BCA to non-target organisms (for example: plants, livestock, pets or other animals).** |  |
| **Known pesticide resistance** |  |
| **Economic benefits of the BCA** |  |
| **Environmental benefits of the BCA** |  |
| **Alternative options to the BCA** |  |
| **Methods and procedures that may be used to prevent or minimise spread of the organism beyond the site of release (please state whether there will be post-release monitoring. If so, describe the methods, duration and frequency)** |  |

**Section F: Information about the product and methodology**

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| **Trade name** |  |
| **Country of origin** |  |
| **Method of use, including frequency and dosage** |  |
| **Formulation** |  |
| **Co-formulants and contaminants** |  |
| **Label information** |  |
| **Storage requirements** |  |

**Section G: Declaration**

* I understand that it is an offence under Section 17 of The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) to knowingly or recklessly provide false information in order to obtain a licence, and I declare that the particulars given in this application and any accompanying documents are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I apply for a licence in accordance with these particulars.
* I understand that failure to comply with any conditions included on any licence granted in respect of this application may constitute an offence.

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| **Date**: Click here to enter a date**.** | **Print name:**  **Electronic signature:** |

**Submitting your application form**

This application **should be submitted by email by the licence holder** as named on this licence application (in which case please print name above and a signature is not required). If this application is not submitted by the licence holder, the electronic signature of the licence holder must be inserted above, and they must be copied in to the submission email. Please email the completed application form, together with all supporting information, to:[**licensing@nature.scot**](mailto:licensing@nature.scot)

Please do not send zip files as these may be blocked by our security system and not received.

Once we have received your application, you will receive an automated email acknowledging this. Please quote the reference number given in the email if you need to contact us in relation to your application.

If you do not have access to email, you can print out and send your application and supporting information to the postal address below. Please note if you apply by post you will not receive confirmation that your application has been received.

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