

1. Issue 4.2: additional information responsible person for class 6.2

Directive [2000/54/EC](#) - biological agents at work (last updated version dd. 24/06/2020)

Objective: *This Directive lays down minimum requirements for the health and safety of workers exposed to biological agents at work.*

Classification of 'biological agents into 4 groups:

'Biological agents' shall be classified into four risk groups, according to their level of risk of infection:

1. group 1 biological agent means one that is unlikely to cause human disease;
2. group 2 biological agent means one that can cause human disease and might be a hazard to workers; it is unlikely to spread to the community; there is usually effective prophylaxis or treatment available.
3. group 3 biological agent means one that can cause severe human disease and present a serious hazard to workers; it may present a risk of spreading to the community, but there is usually effective prophylaxis or treatment available.
4. group 4 biological agent means one that causes severe human disease and is a serious hazard to workers; it may present a high risk of spreading to the community; there is usually no effective prophylaxis or treatment available.

Reduction of Risks (Article 6)

Where this is not technically practicable, having regard to the activity and the risk assessment referred to in Article 3, the risk of exposure must be reduced to as low a level as necessary in order to protect adequately the health and safety of the workers concerned, in particular by the following measures which are to be applied in the light of the results of the assessment referred to in Article 3:

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(h) means for safe collection, storage and disposal of waste by workers **including the use of secure and identifiable containers**, after suitable treatment where appropriate.

<p>FEAD remark: <i>definition of secure and identifiable containers is not clear on whether a name and telephone number of a responsible person needs to be indicated</i></p>
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Information for the competent authority (article 7)

1. Where the results of the assessment referred to in Article 3 reveal risk to workers' health or safety, employers shall, when requested, make available to the competent authority appropriate information on:

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(d) the name and capabilities of the person responsible for safety and health at work.