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**BIOLOGICAL AGENTS AND TOXINS ACT  
(CHAPTER 24A)**

**BIOLOGICAL AGENTS AND TOXINS  
(COVID-19 RESEARCH LABORATORY — EXEMPTION)  
REGULATIONS 2020**

**ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

**Regulation**

1. Citation and period in force
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In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 61 and 63 of the Biological Agents and Toxins Act, the Minister for Health makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and period in force**

- 1.—(1) These Regulations are the Biological Agents and Toxins (COVID-19 Research Laboratory — Exemption) Regulations 2020.
- (2) These Regulations are in force for 2 years starting 2 April 2020.

**Definitions**

2. In these Regulations —

“clinical sample”, in relation to the COVID-19 virus, means a sample that may contain the COVID-19 virus, collected from a person who is, or is suspected to be, infected with the COVID-19 virus;

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“COVID-19 virus” means the biological agent known as the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2), also known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) virus, mentioned in item 3(c) under the heading “*VIRUSES*” in Part II of the First Schedule to the Act;

“environmental sample”, in relation to the COVID-19 virus, means a sample that may contain the COVID-19 virus, collected from an area or a surface that is contaminated by a person who is, or is suspected to be, infected with the COVID-19 virus.

### **Exemption for research laboratory**

3.—(1) Section 6(2)(b) of the Act does not apply to or in relation to a research laboratory that is a certified facility in Singapore carrying out testing of or research development on any clinical sample or environmental sample of the COVID-19 virus, that does not involve —

- (a) culturing, isolating or purifying any live COVID-19 virus from the clinical sample or environmental sample; or
- (b) testing the clinical sample or environmental sample on any animal.

(2) Section 6(2) of the Act does not apply to or in relation to a research laboratory that is an uncertified facility in Singapore carrying out testing of or research development on any clinical sample or environmental sample of the COVID-19 virus in a safe and proper manner, that does not involve —

- (a) culturing, isolating or purifying any live COVID-19 virus from the clinical sample or environmental sample; or
- (b) testing the clinical sample or environmental sample on any animal.

Made on 2 April 2020.

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