

Declaration form on Nothing to Declare or Nothing New to Declare for use in the information exchange

Measure	Nothing to declare	Nothing new to declare	Year of last declaration if nothing new to declare
A, part 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2015
A, part 2 (i)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A, part 2 (ii)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A, part 2 (iii)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2015
C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2015
F	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
G	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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State Party to the Convention: Republic of Estonia

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Confidence-Building Measure "A"

Part 1 Exchange of data on research centres and laboratories

States Parties that do not possess a facility meeting criteria for such maximum containment should continue to Form A, part 1 (ii).

Form A, part 1 (i)

Estonia do not possess a facility meeting criteria for BSL 4.

Form A, part 1 (ii)

If no BSL4 facility is declared in Form A, part 1 (i), indicate the highest biosafety level implemented in facilities handling biological agents¹ on a State Party's territory:

Biosafety level 3 ²	yes
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BSL 3 laboratories in Estonia: Joint Laboratories of Tartu University Clinics, Microbiology Laboratory of North-Estonia Regional Hospital, Veterinary & Food Laboratory, Mycobacteriosis Laboratory of University of Life Sciences.

Part 2

Exchange of information on national biological defence research and development programmes

Estonia is not running national biological defence research and development programmes.

Form A, part 2 (i)

National biological defence research and development programmes Declaration

Are there any national programmes to conduct biological defence research and development within the territory of the State Party, under its jurisdiction or control anywhere? Activities of such programmes would include prophylaxis, studies on pathogenicity and virulence, diagnostic techniques, aerobiology, detection, treatment, toxicology, physical protection, decontamination and other related research.

No

¹ Microorganisms pathogenic to humans and/or animals

² In accordance with the latest edition of the WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual and/or the OIE Terrestrial Manual or other equivalent internationally accepted guidelines.

If the answer is Yes, complete Form A, part 2 (ii) which will provide a description of each programme.

Form A, part 2 (ii)

National biological defence research and development programmes

Description

Non

Form A, part 2 (iii)

National biological defence research and development programmes

Facilities

Non

Confidence-Building Measure "B"

Exchange of information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences caused by toxins

Form B

Information on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences, that seem to deviate from the normal pattern³

There were no cases for the 2015 reporting period on outbreaks of infectious diseases and similar occurrences caused by toxins that seem to deviate from the normal pattern. We report the information with respect to infectious diseases of humans covering the years 2010-2015 in Estonia.

Diseases	Number of cases					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)	25	39	36	24	20	19
Human immunodeficiency virus infection (HIV)	372	370	315	325	291	270
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	0	0
Avian influenza A/H5 or A/H5N1 in humans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Botulism	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campylobacteriosis	197	214	268	385	308	364
Chlamydia infection, gen.	1737	1763	1596	1625	1524	1351

³ See paragraph 2 of the chapeau to Confidence-Building Measure B.

Diseases	Number of cases					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Cholera	0	0	0	0	0	0
Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (sporadic)	1	0	0	1	4	0
Cryptosporidiosis	0	0	0	0	2	4
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Echinococcosis	0	0	3	3	1	0
Escherichia coli infection (STEC/VTEC)	5	4	3	8	8	8
Giardiasis	257	245	254	195	221	181
Gonorrhoea	109	176	217	136	136	121
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> infection	18	49	43	40	36	49
Hepatitis A	6	154	63	6	12	6
Hepatitis B, acute	23	16	9	11	8	6
Hepatitis C, acute	34	17	24	28	20	10
Influenza	1305	5488	1711	5529	2077	3703
incl. influenza A(H1N1)	136	565	1	15	0	5
Legionnaires' disease	0	7	3	10	8	6
Leptospirosis	1	2	5	2	2	2
Listeriosis	5	3	3	2	1	11
Malaria (imported)	1	1	6	3	3	4
Measles	0	7	4	2	0	4
Meningococcal disease, invasive	2	8	6	8	6	4
Mumps	13	8	4	12	10	3
Pertussis	1295	478	149	55	43	77
Pneumococcal infection	36	62	104	110	66	90
Poliomyelitis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Q fever	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rabies	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rubella	0	0	0	2	0	0
Rubella, congenital	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salmonellosis	414	385	287	186	93	118
Shigellosis	46	22	34	12	10	12
Syphilis	69	67	41	38	34	25
Syphilis, congenital and neonatal	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tetanus	0	2	0	1	0	0
Toxoplasmosis, congenital	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trichinellosis	0	0	0	1	0	2
Tuberculosis	204	202	183	226	200	166
Tularaemia	0	2	0	1	1	0
Typhoid/Paratyphoid fever	1/0	0/0	1/1	2/0	1/0	2/0
Viral haemorrhagic fever with renal syndrome	5	12	19	19	22	14
West Nile fever	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yellow fever	0	0	0	0	0	0

Diseases	Number of cases					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Yersiniosis	58	69	47	72	62	53
Lyme disease	1721	2303	1546	1132	1289	1402
Tick-borne encephalitis	201	250	178	114	83	116

Confidence-Building Measure "C

Encouragement of publication of results and promotion of use of knowledge

No overview on publication of results and promotion of use of knowledge.

Confidence-Building Measure "E

Form E

Declaration of legislation, regulations and other measures

Relating to	Legislation	Regulations	Other measures ⁴	Amended since last year
(a) Development, production stockpiling, acquisition or retention of microbial or other biological agents, or toxins, weapons, equipment and means of delivery specified in Article I	No	No	Yes	No
(b) Exports of micro-organisms ⁵ and toxins	No	No	Yes	No
(c) Imports of micro-organisms ¹¹ and toxins	No	No	Yes	No
(d) Biosafety ⁶ and biosecurity ⁷	Yes	Yes	No	No

⁴ Including guidelines.

⁵ Micro-organisms pathogenic to man, animals and plants in accordance with the Convention.

⁶ In accordance with the latest version of the WHO Laboratory Biosafety Manual or equivalent national or international guidance.

⁷ In accordance with the latest version of the WHO Laboratory Biosecurity Guidance or equivalent national or international guidance.

Exports of micro-organisms and toxins are regulated by the EC Council Regulation 1334/2000 and UN Recommendations of the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Imports of micro-organisms and toxins are regulated by the EC Council Directives 94/55/EEC and 96/49/EEC.

Transport of dangerous biological substances is regulated by the WHO Guidance on Regulations for the Transport of Infectious Substances, 2013-2014; EC Council Directive 2008/68/EC; Estonian Communicable Diseases Act RT I 2003,26,160; Ministry of Social Affairs Decree RTL 2003,115,1831; Estonian Health Board Guidance for the Transport of Infectious Substances, 2013.

Biosafety is regulated by the Occupational Health and Safety Act RT I 1999,60,616; Government Decree RT I 2000,38,234. Biosafety regulations overlap with biosecurity; no specific biosecurity legislation exists.

Confidence-Building Measure "F"

Form F

Declaration of past activities in offensive and/or defensive biological research and development programmes

There have not been any activities in offensive and/or defensive biological research and development programmes.

Confidence-Building Measure "G"

Form G

Declaration of vaccine production facilities

There are no vaccine production facilities in Estonia.