APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL LAND OR BUILDINGS TO BE DESIGNATED AS A PRIVATE BIOSECURITY GOODS HOLDING AREA

(Regulation 5 of the Biosecurity Regulations 2015)

Name of applicant/company:	
Tel: Email:	
Location of proposed site (Please provide a specific physical address numbers etc) of the facilities proposed):	ess and details (registered parcel
Purpose of this application and proposed use of the land:	
Signed:	Date:

Biosecurity Act 2013

Designation of biosecurity holding areas

- 15. (1) The Minister may, by order in the Gazette, designate
 - (a) any territorial waters or any part of a seaport as a biosecurity port holding area for vessels; and
 - (b) any part of an airport as a biosecurity port holding area for aircraft.
 - (2) A biosecurity port holding area is one where incoming conveyances may be held for biosecurity inspection pending biosecurity landing clearance or other disposition under this Act.
 - (3) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, designate any area of land at or adjacent to a seaport or airport as a biosecurity goods holding area for incoming or outgoing containers and goods.
 - (4) A biosecurity goods holding area is one where incoming or outgoing containers or goods may be held for biosecurity inspection pending biosecurity clearance or other disposition under this Act.
 - (5) The Minister may designate any part of a mail exchange as a biosecurity postal holding area for incoming or outgoing postal items.
 - (6) A biosecurity postal holding area is one where incoming or outgoing postal items may be held for biosecurity inspection pending biosecurity clearance or other disposition under this Act.
 - (7) Before making an order under subsection (1), (3) or (5), the Minister must obtain the advice of the Director and consult, as the case may be, the officers or authorities responsible for the movement of vessels, aircraft and postal items in Solomon Islands.
 - (8) A mail exchange may only be designated as a biosecurity holding area in respect of regulated articles that at the time of entry or departure are in a mail bag or other container that conforms to the requirements of the postal legislation of Solomon Islands.

Management of biosecurity holding areas

- 16. (1) No person, other than the person in charge of the area or a biosecurity officer acting in the course of duty, may enter a biosecurity holding area without the written permission of the Director, or the permission of the person in charge of the area or of a biosecurity officer.
 - (2) A biosecurity officer may, in order to reduce a biosecurity threat, lock, seal or otherwise prevent entry to and exit from a biosecurity holding area or any building in it.
 - (3) A person commits an offence if the person -
 - (a) enters a biosecurity holding area without permission given under subsection (1); or
 - (b) damages, interferes with or in any way reduces the effectiveness of measures taken to secure a biosecurity holding area, or any regulated article or other item in the area.
 - (4) The Director may issue written directions to the person in charge of a biosecurity holding area as to the management of the area.
 - (5) A person who removes or attempts to remove from a biosecurity holding area any regulated article without obtaining biosecurity clearance in respect of it, unless for the purpose of biosecurity measures being applied to the article in accordance with this Act, commits an offence.