

Implementation Law of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on their Destruction and the Other Convention Adopted June 8, 1982 (summary)

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Definition of 'biological weapons': Items which are used as means of use of force and are filled with biological agents or vectors who carry or mediate biological agents

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Offences and penalties:

To use biological or toxin weapons and discharge biological agents or toxins filled in the said weapons

(penalties: imprisonment for an indefinite period or at a range of 2 to 15 years or maximum fine of 10 million yen.)

To discharge biological agents or toxins unlawfully and thereby endanger the life, body or property of another

(penalties: imprisonment at a range of 1 month to 10 years or maximum fine of 5 million yen.)

For manufacturing (including development and production) of biological and toxin weapons: imprisonment at a range of 1 to 15 years or a maximum fine of 5 million yen

For possessing (including stockpiling and retention), transferring and acquisition of biological and toxin weapons: imprisonment at a range of 1 month to 10 years or maximum fine of 3 million yen

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Statement on how national legal measure deals with research

The competent ministers have the authority to request the persons who handle biological agents and toxins on business (on business here is understood to mean 'with intention to handle them repeatedly and continuously') of the necessary report on their business within the limit necessary to prevent the development, production, stockpiling, acquiring and retaining of biological agents or toxins for purposes other than prophylactic, protective or other peaceful ones.

(penalties for failures in reporting or false reports when they are required by competent ministers: imprisonment at a range of 1 month to 1 year or maximum fine of 500,000 yen)