

## CUTTING AREA STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

- ❖ The cutting area must be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- ❖ Ensure clones are cut one at a time to avoid mix-up.
- ❖ Ensure substrate is well compacted during substrate preparation.
- ❖ Ensure prompt nutrient supply to plantlets when substrate appears dry.
- ❖ Do not press forceps too hard on the stem plantlets during culturing.
- ❖ Ensure scalpel, forceps, scissors, and blades are immersed in ethanol or Tween 20 before and after use.
- ❖ Handle sharp objects such as scalpels, blades, and forceps with extreme caution.
- ❖ Wash skin promptly if in contact with any chemical.