



Fig. 2. Decision tree showing approximate classification of activities

- ¹ The presence of POs is essential to the objective of the activity because of their (in)direct effects, even if the PO itself is not the direct subject of the activity.
- ² Notifiable for Classes 1 and 2, requires a licence for Classes 3 and 4.
- ³ The duty of care pursuant to the ContainO shall apply.
- ⁴ Material contains alien organisms or other organisms according to Art.5 para.1 letter c ContainO.
- ⁵ Containment is required for particularly hazardous harmful organisms in accordance with Annexes 1, 2 and 6 of the PlantPO, organisms listed in Annex 2 of the RO, and alien small invertebrates subject to authorisation, except for use as medicinal products, foodstuffs or animal feed.
- ⁶ If the activity takes place in an area that is protected against this organism, it must be carried out as a Class 3 activity (Art. 4 and Annex 12 PlantPO; SR 916.20). Unlike the ContainO, the PEMO does not classify the activities. Instead, the PEMO determines the appropriate safety level for handling each Group of microorganism (Art. 9 PEMO). Exceptions can be made only for clinical microbiological and veterinary diagnostics.