



Policy on Security of Select Biological Agents and Toxins

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I. PURPOSE

It is recognized that investigators at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute (UMBI) may possess select biological agents and toxins (select agents). When this occurs, UMBI shall comply with Public Law 107-88: The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness Response Act of 2002 and its implementing regulations 42 CFR Parts 72 and 73, Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins; Final Rule and 42 CFR Part 1003 Office of Inspector General, and 7 CFR Part 331 and 9 CFR Part 121, Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Possession, Use, and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins; Final Rule.

II. BACKGROUND

This policy ensures compliance with these regulations by implementing a plan that provides for physical security of areas containing select biological agents and toxins and personnel security. Access logs, training, and the consequences of noncompliance with procedures are described in the Security Plan.

III. DEFINITIONS

- A. Access to select biological agents and toxins means having the ability to obtain or make use of them.
- B. Physical security devices on doors and containers must be able to withstand ordinary attempts to defeat them.
- C. Personnel security includes a process for obtaining US Department of Justice approval for persons who have access to select biological agents and toxins and establishes certain internal controls for restricting or controlling access to select biological agents and toxins for those without approval.
- D. Responsible Official is the designated individual who works directly with the centers and human resources to facilitate effective action on behalf of UMBI management to carry out the select agent plan.

IV. POLICY

- A. The Security Plan for Select Biological Agents and Toxins shall be developed and administered by UMBI's Office of Research and Development.
- B. The Security Plan shall be reviewed and evaluated for its effectiveness at least annually by UMBI's Office of Research and Development.
- C. No UMBI employee will accept, store or transfer non-exempt select biological agents & toxins without registering with the UMBI Responsible Official (RO) and complying with all requirements of the select agent regulations and the UMBI Procedure on Security for Select Biological Agents and Toxins

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

In accordance with the Security Plan for Select Biological Agents and Toxins, UMBI shall provide appropriate training; maintain documentation; report incidents; and monitor compliance with select biological agent and toxin regulations.

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