

## **Select Agents and Export Control Update March 2008**

Colleagues: We are presently reviewing policies related to the use of "Select Agents" and "Dual Use" items in our research programs. As listed and described at the following websites, there are potential reporting and licensing requirements for the use of certain pathogens and toxins. You should be aware of these regulations and must report to the Office of Research Services and the Office of Environmental Health and Safety the possession and use of such agents/items. While we are presently reviewing sponsored projects grant applications and contracts for mention of such agents/items, we will in the near future add this question to the ORS routing sheet. The ORS and OEHS will help you with any regulatory requirements related to such issues.

<http://www.cdc.gov/od/sap/sap/exclusion.htm> - DHHS and USDA - Select Agents program

The National Select Agent Registry Program oversees the activities of possession of biological agents and toxins that have the potential to pose a severe threat to public, animal or plant health, or to animal or plant products. Depending on quantities, there may be reporting requirements for the possession and use of certain agents.

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/bis/ear/ear\\_data.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/bis/ear/ear_data.html) - Department of Commerce - Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and Commerce Control List (CCL)

The CCL contains items that are considered "Dual Use" items, i.e., used for commerce/research and could be used as a potential bio-terrorist weapon. Depending on the circumstances there may be limitations on the use and licensing requirements of such items.

Thanks for your cooperation. Dr. Kratz

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