

Appendix N: Select Agents, High Consequence Livestock Pathogens and Toxins & Plant Pathogens

Select agents and toxins are those biological agents and toxins that have the potential to pose a severe threat to public health and safety, to animal health, or to animal products. The select agent rules, first published in the federal register on March 18, 2005 (42 CFR 73; 7 CFR 331; and 9 CFR 121), require that any individual or entity in possession of any select agent or toxin must notify the federal government and register any possession, use, or transfer of that agent. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have been designated as the agency responsible for providing guidance on this notification to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for agents deemed to pose a severe threat to public health and safety. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has been designated as the agency responsible for providing guidance on this notification to the Secretary of the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) for those agents deemed as having the potential to pose a severe threat to animal or plant health and to animal or plant products.

The University of Missouri is registered through the CDC for possession, use, and transfer of select agents and toxins. As a condition of this registration MU has designated a Responsible Official (RO) who is tasked with ensuring compliance with the requirements set forth in the select agent rules. All possession, use, transfer, and identification of select agents at MU must be reported to the RO for review and reporting to the appropriate agencies. For more information about the select agent rules and select agent use at the University of Missouri or to report identification of a select agent to the RO contact the Environmental Health and Safety Biosafety Program at 573-882-7018. More information may also be found on the National Select Agent Registry website at www.selectagents.gov.