

(3) ANY GENETICALLY MODIFIED MICROORGANISMS OR GENETIC ELEMENTS THAT CONTAIN NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES CODING FOR ANY OF THE TOXINS LISTED IN TITLE 42, PART 72, APPENDIX A OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, OR THEIR TOXIC SUBMITS.

(C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY PROGRAM.

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(A) THERE IS A BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(B) THE BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY SHALL:

(1) IDENTIFY THE BIOLOGICAL AGENTS POSSESSED AND MAINTAINED BY ANY PERSON IN THIS STATE; AND

(2) CONTAIN OTHER INFORMATION AS REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM THAT:

(1) DETERMINE AND LIST THE BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) DESIGNATE THE PERSONS REQUIRED TO MAKE REPORTS AND THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED;

(3) DESIGNATE TIME LIMITS FOR REPORTING, THE FORM OF REPORTS, AND THE PERSONS TO WHOM REPORTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED;

(4) PROVIDE FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION IN THE BIOLOGICAL AGENTS REGISTRY TO STATE AND FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION PURSUANT TO A COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INVESTIGATION COMMENCED OR CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY HAVING INVESTIGATORY AUTHORITY, OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY INVESTIGATION INVOLVING RELEASE, THEFT, OR LOSS OF BIOLOGICAL AGENTS;

(5) ESTABLISH A SYSTEM OF SAFEGUARDS THAT REQUIRES PERSONS POSSESSING ~~AND MAINTAINING~~, MAINTAINING, AND TRANSFERRING BIOLOGICAL AGENTS SUBJECT TO THIS SUBTITLE TO COMPLY WITH THE SAME FEDERAL STANDARDS THAT APPLY TO PERSONS REGISTERED TO ~~POSSESS~~ TRANSFER THE SAME AGENTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW; AND

(6) ESTABLISH A PROCESS FOR PERSONS THAT POSSESS AND MAINTAIN BIOLOGICAL AGENTS TO ALERT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF UNAUTHORIZED POSSESSION OR ATTEMPTED POSSESSION OF BIOLOGICAL AGENTS.