

# Select Agent Toxin Transfer: Exempt Quantity

This document is to ensure each Principal Investigator (PI) who possesses exempt quantities of Select Agent Toxins understands the allowable maximum exempt quantities s/he can possess, as specified by the federal regulations on Select Agents (42 CFR Part 73); and that s/he only transfer exempt quantities of toxin if the receiver has a legitimate need (reasonably justified by a prophylactic, protective, bona fide research or other peaceful purpose) to handle or use the toxin(s). The toxins and their exempt quantity limits are listed below:

| Toxin  | Max. Allowable per PI for exemption |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Abrin  | 1000 mg                             |
| Botulinum neurotoxins                        | 1 mg                                |
| Short, paralytic alpha conotoxins            | 100 mg                              |
| Diacetoxyscirpenol (DAS)                     | 10,000 mg                           |
| Ricin  | 1000 mg                             |
| Saxitoxin                                    | 500 mg                              |
| Staphylococcus enterotoxins (Subtypes A – E) | 100 mg                              |
| Tetrodotoxin                                 | 500 mg                              |
| T-2 Toxin                                    | 10,000 mg                           |

It is important to ensure that the total amount of toxin per PI is maintained below these limits **at all times** in order to remain exempt from registration with the CDC and the attendant restrictive requirements. Due to the severe penalties associated with non-compliance with the Select Agent rules, it is imperative that each laboratory using, storing and transferring toxins maintains current information for these substances. **Failure to register a Select Agent toxin is a criminal offense, punishable by up to five years in prison and/or \$500,000 in fines (Public Health Security & Preparedness Response Act of 2002).**

- **For any transfer of an exempt quantity of toxin(s), the transferor must document that the recipient has a legitimate need to handle or use the toxin(s); documentation must be retained by the transferor.**
- **Report any known or suspected violation of Federal law or suspicious activity related to select agent toxins to CDC: 404-718-2000 or [LRSAT@cdc.gov](mailto:LRSAT@cdc.gov) or APHIS: 301-851-3300 or [AgSAS@aphis.usda.gov](mailto:AgSAS@aphis.usda.gov).**

By signing below, the Principal Investigator acknowledges that s/he has ensured the legitimacy of the receiver to store or use the toxin(s).

Include a statement indicating the recipient's intended use of the toxin or transferor's knowledge of recipient's legitimate need:

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Recipient: (Institution and Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Toxin and Amount Transferred

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recipient: (Name, Phone number and e-mail)

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Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed name: (Transferor)

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Signature: (Transferor)