



CDC Select Agent Toxin Exemption Declaration

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Purpose of this Document:

This document is to ensure each Principal Investigator (PI) who possesses exempt quantities of CDC 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). The toxins and their exempt quantity limits are listed below:

<u>Toxin</u>	<u>Max. Allowable per PI for exemption</u>
Abrin	100 mg
Botulinum neurotoxins	0.5 mg
Short, paralytic alpha conotoxins	100 mg
Diacetoxyscirpenol (DAS)	1000 mg
Ricin	100 mg
Saxitoxin	100 mg
Staphylococcus enterotoxins (Subtypes A – E)	5 mg
Tetrodotoxin	100 mg
T-2 Toxin	1000 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 and storing toxins maintains current inventory 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).**

- Each PI must maintain an inventory of the select agent toxins in his/her laboratory.
- Each laboratory with select agent toxins will be audited annually, including an audit of the inventory records.
- For any transfer of an exempt quantity of toxin(s), the transferor must document that the receiver has a legitimate need to handle or use the toxin(s); documentation must be retained by the transferor.

Possession of Select Agent Toxins above the Exempt Quantities:

- Prior to possessing select agent toxins in quantities above the maximum allowable limits, a Principal Investigator must contact the Responsible Official (RO) (Haley Sinn, Biosafety Professional, 335-9553) in order to submit all appropriate information to the CDC and the FBI, and receive CDC approval to conduct the work in an approved facility.

By signing below, the Principal Investigator acknowledges that s/he will maintain an inventory below the permissible limit, as listed above, at all times. Prior permission and approval from the CDC and RO must be granted in order to have quantities in excess of these limits.

Signature

Date

(please print your name)