



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

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Re: Maryland's Biological Agents Registry (BAR) Program

Under Maryland law (Health-General Article §§17-601-605, Annotated Code of Maryland and Code of Maryland Regulations 10.10.11), a person that possesses, maintains, and/or transfers a biological agent (select agent) listed in Title 42, Part 73; Title 7, Part 331; and Title 9, Part 121 of the Code of Federal Regulations is required to register with Maryland's BAR Program in the Office of Laboratory Emergency Preparedness and Response (OLEPR). This requirement is in addition to the federal requirements that must be met if a person is in possession of a biological agent.

Submitting the Notification of Possession of Select Agents or High Consequence Livestock Pathogens and Toxins (BAR Form) document is an annual requirement. The OLEPR must keep an accurate accounting of all select agents that each facility possesses. The Responsible Official (RO) is responsible for submitting the BAR Form.

A facility must contact the OLEPR, in writing, whenever there is a change to their federal Select Agent Program registration. This will ensure their record in the State's Registry reflects their federal registration. All information is kept confidential in accordance with State statute.

Questions may be directed to the OLEPR at 443-681-3789.