



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Van Mitchell, Secretary

Laboratories Administration
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Re: Maryland's Biological Agents Registry (BAR) Program and Transfer Forms

Pursuant to Maryland State law (Health-General Article, §§17.601 et seq., Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations [COMAR] 10.10.11), the Laboratories Administration's Office of Laboratory Emergency Preparedness and Response (OLEPR) maintains Maryland's BAR Program. This State program is similar to the federal Select Agent Program which requires registered facilities to complete an APHIS/CDC Form 2 (Request to Transfer Select Agents and Toxins) document every time a select agent is received or transferred.

Health General Article §17-602(c)(6) and COMAR 10.10.11 requires these facilities to report a completed transfer or receipt of a select agent by submitting a signed and dated APHIS/CDC Form 2 within 24 hours, to the OLEPR. This is in addition to the federal requirement to submit the form to APHIS/CDC.

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