SELECT/RESTRICTED AGENT PURCHASE/POSSESSION

I. Purpose

This policy serves to meet, in part, University of Connecticut efforts to comply with the USA PATRIOT Act (HR 3162), the “Possession, Use and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins” (42 CFR 73) and the “Agricultural Bioterrorism Protection Act of 2002; Possession, Use and Transfer of Biological Agents and Toxins” (7 CFR Part 331 and 9 CFR Part 121).

II. Scope

This policy applies to all employees at the Storrs and regional campuses, who elect to purchase or by other means transfer federally regulated select or restricted biological agents and or toxins.

III. Description of Requirements

1. University of Connecticut personnel who wish to purchase, exchange and/or otherwise transfer select or restricted biological agents or toxins must file a Select Biological Agent Purchase /Possession Approval (SAP-I) request for approval form at least 10 days prior to the contemplated purchase. The 3-part SAP-I can be obtained from the Environmental Health and Safety by calling 486-3613.

2. The Purchasing Department, as well as numerous vendors, will not honor a purchase order for Select Agents without prior written approval from the institution’s Responsible Official (RO). At UConn, the RO is the Institutional Biosafety Officer.
3. Individuals who wish to purchase Select Agents should be aware that federal law currently mandates that the Department of Justice (DOJ), the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), and/or the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)/CDC branch are to be notified whenever a select/restricted agent purchase/possession request is made. DOJ, through USDA and/or CDC, may choose to contact the institution (Responsible Officer) and/or the requestor for further information or for verification purposes.

4. Investigators must include information about possession/use of Select/Restricted Agents on the Institutional Biological Agent Use Registration (BAUR) form.