

Policy for Possession, Use or Transfer of Select Agents and Listed Plant Pathogens

All experiments, research, and other activities involving select agents and listed plant pathogens performed at Rutgers University shall be conducted in accordance with:

- 42 CFR 73, "Possession, Use and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins,"
- 7 CFR 331 and 9 CFR 121, "Agricultural Bioterrorism Response Act of 2002, Possession Use and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins," and
- PL-107-56, the USA PATRIOT Act.

Criminal and civil penalties can be assessed for persons who violate these regulations.

All researchers must contact REHS before obtaining materials and beginning work so that the required forms can be filed with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and/or the US Department of Agriculture (USDA). Any person who possesses, uses, or transfers select agents and listed plant pathogens may be subject to background checks, fingerprinting or other evaluations during the registration process.

The Biosafety Officer is available to discuss issues pertaining to the completion and applicability of the select agent registration documents.