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a completed APHIS Form 2041 to APHIS or CDC within 2 business days.

(4) The responsible official for the recipient must notify APHIS or CDC immediately if the agent or toxin has not been received within 48 hours after the expected delivery or if the package containing the agent or toxin is leaking or has been damaged.

(d) The sender must comply with all applicable laws governing packaging and shipping.

§ 121.15 Records.

(a) The responsible official must maintain complete, up-to-date records of information necessary to give an accounting of all of the activities related to agents or toxins listed in §121.3. Such records must include the following:

- (1) The Biosafety and Security Plan;
- (2) A current list of all individuals with access to agents or toxins listed in §121.3;
- (3) Training records for individuals with access to such agents or toxins;
- (4) Accurate and current inventory records (including source and characterization data);
- (5) Permits and transfer documents (APHIS Form 2041) issued by APHIS and CDC;
- (6) Security records (e.g., transactions from automated access control systems, testing and maintenance of security systems, visitor logs);
- (7) Biosafety, containment, and security incident reports.

(b) The responsible official must maintain such records for 3 years.

(c) All records must be produced upon request to APHIS or CDC inspectors, and appropriate Federal, State, or local law enforcement authorities.

§ 121.16 Inspections.

(a) To ensure compliance with the regulations, any APHIS or CDC inspector must be allowed, without previous notification, to enter and inspect the entire premises, all materials and equipment, and all records required to be maintained by this part.

(b) Prior to issuing a certificate of registration to an entity or individual, APHIS or CDC may inspect and evaluate the premises and records to ensure compliance with the regulations and

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the biosafety, containment, and security requirements.

§ 121.17 Notification in the event of theft, loss, or release of a biological agent or toxin.

(a) The responsible official must orally notify APHIS and appropriate Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies immediately upon discovery of the theft or loss of agents or toxins listed in §121.3. The oral notification must be followed by a written report (APHIS Form 2043) within 7 days.

(b) The responsible official must orally notify APHIS immediately upon discovery that a release of an agent or toxin has occurred outside of the biocontainment area. The oral notification shall be followed by a written report (APHIS Form 2043) within 7 days. Upon notification and a finding that the release poses a threat to animal or plant health, or animal or plant products, APHIS will notify relevant Federal, State, and local authorities, and the public, if necessary. If the release involves an overlap agent or toxin, APHIS will also notify the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

(c) The responsible official must orally notify APHIS of a theft, loss, or release of an agent or toxin by calling (866) 994-5698. A copy of APHIS Form 2043 may be obtained by writing to National Center for Import and Export, VS, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 40, Riverdale, MD 20737-1231; or by calling (301) 734-3277. The form is also available on the Internet at <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie.bta.html>. APHIS Form 2043 may be mailed to the same address or faxed to (301) 734-3652.

§ 121.18 Administrative review.

An individual or entity may appeal a denial or revocation of registration under this part. An individual who has been denied access to listed agents or toxins or who has been granted only limited access to listed agents or toxins under this part may appeal that decision.¹⁶ The appeal must be in writing and submitted to the Administrator

¹⁶An entity may not appeal the denial or limitation of an individual's access to listed agents or toxins.