§ 1270.43 Retention, recall, and destruction of human tissue.

(a) Upon a finding that human tissue may be in violation of the regulations in this part, an authorized Food and Drug Administration (FDA) representative may:

(1) Serve upon the person who distributed the tissue a written order that the tissue be recalled and/or destroyed, as appropriate, and upon persons in possession of the tissue that the tissue shall be retained until it is recalled by the distributor, destroyed, or disposed of as agreed by FDA, or the safety of the tissue is confirmed; and/or

(2) Take possession of and/or destroy the violative tissue.

(b) The written order will ordinarily provide that the human tissue be recalled and/or destroyed within 5 working days from the date of receipt of the order and will state with particularity the facts that justify the order.

(c) After receipt of an order under this part, the person in possession of the human tissue shall not distribute or dispose of the tissue in any manner except to recall and/or destroy the tissue consistent with the provisions of the order, under the supervision of an authorized official of FDA.

(d) In lieu of paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, other arrangements for assuring the proper disposition of the tissue may be agreed upon by the person receiving the written order and an authorized official of FDA. Such arrangements may include providing FDA with records or other written information that adequately assure that the tissue has been recovered, screened, tested, processed, stored, and distributed in conformance with part 1270.

(e) Within 5 working days of receipt of a written order for retention, recall, and/or destruction of tissue (or within 5 working days of the agency’s possession of such tissue), the recipient of the written order or prior possessor of such tissue shall request a hearing on the matter in accordance with part 16 of this chapter. The order for destruction will be held in abeyance pending resolution of the hearing request.